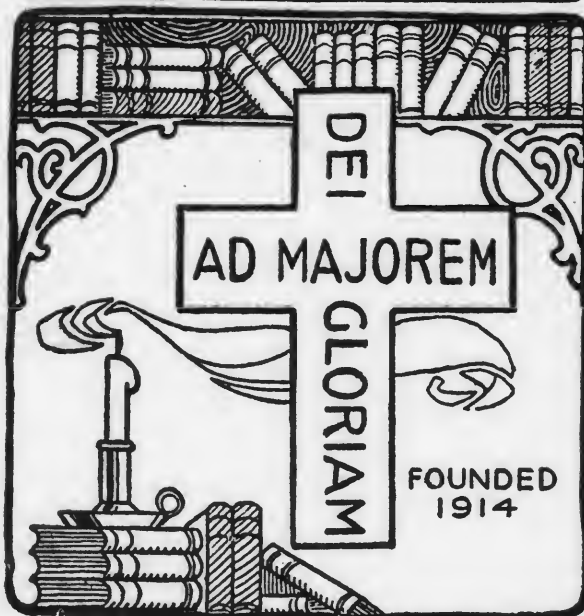


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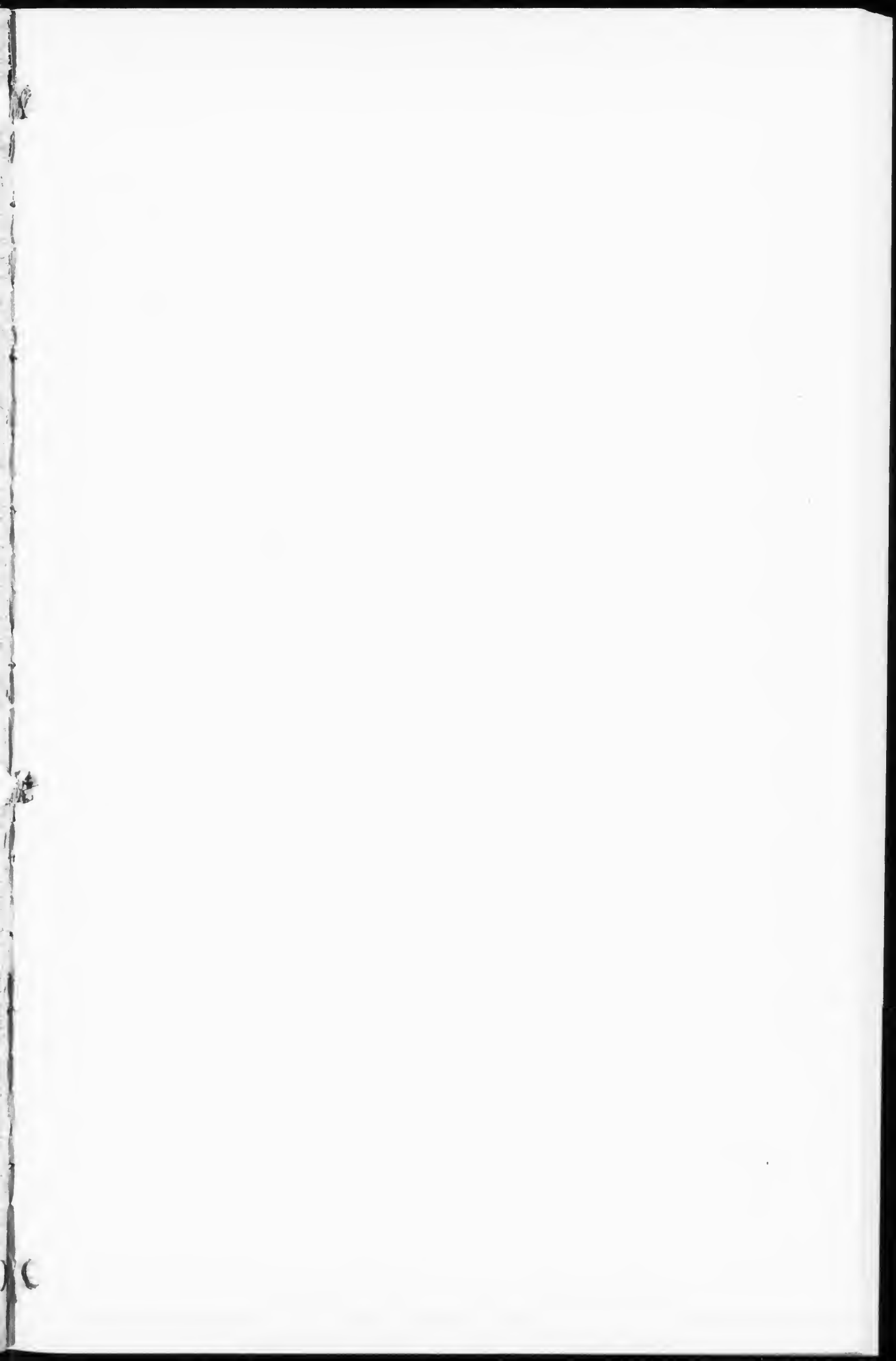
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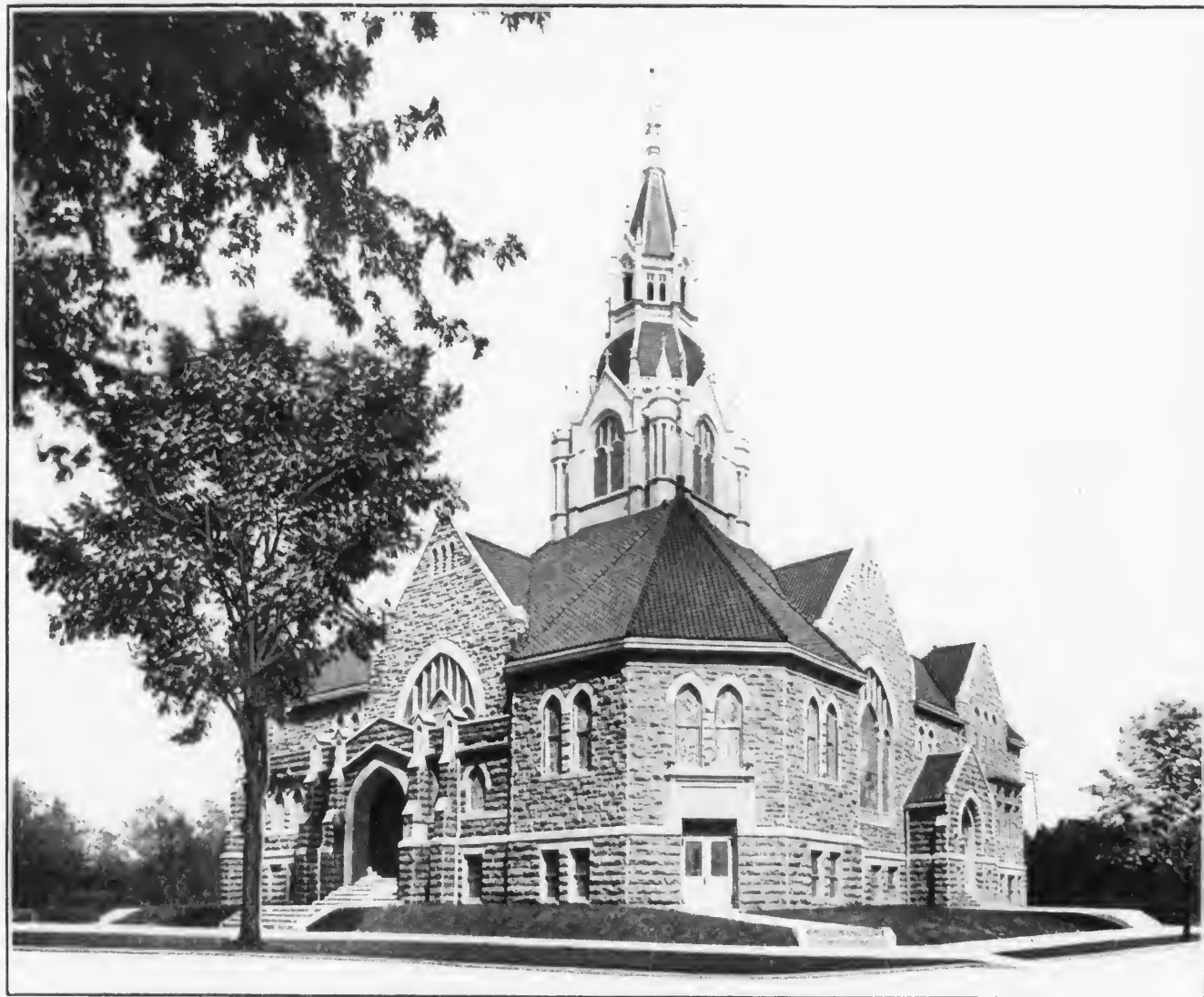
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3. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

4. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

5. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.

6. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.

7. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

8. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.

9. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

10. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

11. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

12. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

13. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

14. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.

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16. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.

17. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

18. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.

19. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.

20. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.

21. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

22. Standing **Committees** shall be divided into **three equal classes**, to serve from the first appointment one, two, and three years, respectively; and all appointments thereafter shall be for three years, any member being eligible to reappointment.

23. The **first meeting** of each Standing Committee shall be held after the Statistical Session, on the first day of the Conference Session, in the place indicated by the local Committee on Entertainment.

24. The Presiding Elders, those members of the Board of Examiners who have examined the candidates for **admission on trial**, and the Committees on general qualifications of such candidates, shall confer as one Committee, and shall recommend to the Conference the number, if any, and the names, of those who should be received on trial at each session. The decision of this Committee shall be made, irrespective of the charges or districts from which the candidates are recommended.

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"	H. A. M. Henderson, . . . . .	P.	1877	Allen D. Maddox, . . . . .	P.
1859	Sullivan W. Edmiston, . . . . .	P.	"	Matthias M. Kugler, . . . . .	.....
1860	John M. Walden,† . . . . .	P.	"	George W. Dubois, . . . . .	P.
"	John H. Lease, . . . . .	P.	"	Jacob E. H. Sentman, . . . . .	P.
"	Sylvester Weeks, . . . . .	.....	"	Gilbert L. Travis, . . . . .	P.
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1861	Thornton E. Fidler, . . . . .	P.	"	Henry W. Bailey, . . . . .	P.
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1862	Thomas J. Harris, . . . . .	.....	"	Davis W. Clark . . . . .	P.
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"	J. McKendree Shultz, . . . . .	P.	"	Charles W. Rishell, . . . . .	.....
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"	Homer C. Middleton, . . . . .	P.	"	John A. Story, . . . . .	P.
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1867	William P. Jackson, . . . . .	.....	1881	Valorous F. Brown, . . . . .	P.
"	Samuel W. Carey, . . . . .	P.	"	Benjamin. D. Hypes, . . . . .	P.
"	John Pearson, . . . . .	P.	"	Edward T. Lane, . . . . .	P.
1868	Francis M. Clemans, . . . . .	.....	"	Canaro D. Munsey, . . . . .	.....
"	Andrew Hamilton, . . . . .	P.	"	Wilbur P. Thirkield . . . . .	P.
"	John W. Peters, . . . . .	P.	1882	Francis M. Kirgan, . . . . .	P.
"	Randolph E. Smith, . . . . .	P.	"	Leonidas O. Deputy, . . . . .	.....
1869	Edward T. Wells, . . . . .	.....	"	Charles H. Haines, . . . . .	P.
"	Carey T. Crum, . . . . .	P.	1883	Charles W. Barnes, . . . . .	P.
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1870	J. Raper Hunter, . . . . .	.....	"	DeWitt C. Washburn, . . . . .	P.
"	Richard H. Rust, . . . . .	P.	"	George S. Easton, . . . . .	P.
"	Jesse B. Young, . . . . .	P.	1884	Edgar H. Cherington, . . . . .	P.
1871	Seren A. Marsh, . . . . .	.....	"	James L. Glascok, . . . . .	.....
1871	William A. Robinson, . . . . .	P.	"	John J. McCabe, . . . . .	P.
"	Charles W. Blodgett, . . . . .	P.	"	Creighton Wones, . . . . .	P.
1872	Edmund Burdsall, . . . . .	P.	"	John G. Vaughan, . . . . .	P.

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† Honorary members.

# Chronological Roll, 1904.

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1885	Wilbur G. Warner, . . . . .	P.	1893	John E. Beery, . . . . .	P.
"	John L. Dalbey, . . . . .	P.	"	Albert K. Stabler, . . . . .	P.
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"	Thomas W. Salt, . . . . .	P.	"	Wilbur L. Y. Davis, . . . . .	P.
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"	Amos T. Cowgill, . . . . .	P.	"	Harley E. Armacost, . . . . .	P.
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1888	Alpheus B. Austin, . . . . .	P.	"	Charles E. Schenk, . . . . .	P.
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"	Edward J. Moore, . . . . .	P.	"	George R. Frenger, . . . . .	P.
1889	Chas. W. Briggs, . . . . .	P.	"	John S. Young, . . . . .	P.
"	Owen M. Sellers, . . . . .	P.	1896	Edward L. Hollingsworth, . . . . .	P.
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"	William B. Brown, . . . . .	P.	1897	Charles L. Chapman, . . . . .	P.
1890	Thomas G. Williams, . . . . .	P.	"	Earl M. Ellsworth, . . . . .	P.
"	Oren D. Becker, . . . . .	P.	"	James A. Jenkinson, . . . . .	P.
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"	Abbott G. Newton, . . . . .	P.	"	Rufus J. Wyckoff, . . . . .	P.
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"	John H. McNary, . . . . .	P.	"	Oliver L. Utter, . . . . .	P.
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"	Reuben S. McCollm, . . . . .	P.	1898	James A. Geissinger, . . . . .	P.
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"	John A. Winkler, . . . . .	P.	"	David G. Latshaw, . . . . .	P.
"	Abraham L. Brokaw, . . . . .	P.	1901	Charles P. Pumphrey, . . . . .	.....
"	William H. Spybey, . . . . .	P.	"	Samuel A. Keen, . . . . .	P.
"	Charles F. Enyart,¶ . . . . .	.....	"	Oliver L. Seward, . . . . .	P.
"	William E. Putt, . . . . .	P.	1903	Adna W. Leonard, . . . . .	P.
"	James P. Gilliland, . . . . .	P.	"	John F. Chenoweth, . . . . .	P.
1893	Ulysses G. Humphrey, . . . . .	P.	"	Asa J. Kestle, . . . . .	P.
"	George W. Vorlis, . . . . .	P.	"	William W. Reeves, . . . . .	P.
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"	William M. Coffman, . . . . .	P.	"	Hugh C. Scudday, . . . . .	P.
"	Homer G. Curless, . . . . .	P.	"	Elmer W. Serl, . . . . .	P.
"	Walter S. Gray, . . . . .	P.	1904	James M. Bailey, . . . . .	P.
"	Albert C. Turrell, . . . . .	P.	"	Wm. E. Verity, . . . . .	P.
"	William A. Deaton, . . . . .	P.	"	Wm. A. Cooper, . . . . .	P.
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ford; and, although absent in person, Bishops Walden and Joyce are present in our thoughts and hearts; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That we most cordially welcome Bishop James W. Bashford to the presidency of our Conference. One year ago for the third time we elected him one of our delegates to the General Conference, and that Conference returns him to us as our presiding Bishop. We congratulate the whole Church upon this elevation of one so competent and worthy to the Episcopal office, and we congratulate ourselves upon the fact that Bishop Bashford's first experience in the chair is among the brethren of the Cincinnati Conference, of which he had been for fourteen years an honored member. We direct our Secretary to retain the name of James W. Bashford upon our Conference roll as an honorary member, and we assure him that in all his world-wide journeys and labors we will follow him in our thoughts and remember him in our prayers. \*

*Resolved*, 2. We are glad to know that Bishop and Mrs. Walden will continue to reside in our bounds. We assure them that we have them "in our hearts," and that they will always be welcome to our annual sessions.

*Resolved*, 3. That we instruct our Secretary to send our affectionate greetings to Bishop and Mrs. Walden, and to Bishop and Mrs. Joyce, citing 1 Cor. i, 3, "Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

The resolution was adopted by a standing vote, accompanied with the "Chautauqua Salute" to Bishop Bashford.

**Memorial Service.**—The printed program providing for Memorial Services was adopted, and brief memorial notes concerning deceased ministers and wives of ministers were read. The memoir of J. L. Gregg was read by W. A. Robinson; that of Reuben K. Deem, by J. S. Pumphrey; that of W. T. McMullen, by J. S. Pumphrey; that of L. E. Prentiss, by H. D. Ketcham; of Mrs. Thomas Lee, by Jesse B. Young; of Mrs. J. E. H. Sentman, by J. D. Darling; of Mrs. T. E. Fidler, by S. O. Royal; and of Mrs. Jesse M. Robinson, by D. J. Starr. C. W. Blodgett called attention to the death of Thomas Audas, one of the first members of this Conference, and who recently died within our bounds, being a member of the Kansas Conference. Dr. Blodgett was requested to prepare a minute concerning his death, and forward it to the Kansas Conference. Mention was also made by W. A. Robinson of the death of H. C. Hutchinson, until very recently a member of our Conference, but at his death of the New England Southern Conference.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Memorial Sermon was postponed for the afternoon session at two o'clock.

**Welcome.**—On behalf of the Miamisburg Church, Professor William McKendree Vance, Superintendent of the Miamisburg schools, and son of John Vance, one of our veteran members, was introduced, and gave an address of welcome in words beautiful and appropriate. Bishop Bashford responded cordially to the address.

The list of Standing Committees was called for the noting of absentees, and the Nominating Committee was instructed to fill all vacancies.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, it was decided to adopt the program as printed in the Conference Directory, subject to such changes as the Committee on Public Worship might arrange.

Bishop Bashford appointed J. P. Porter to preside at the afternoon session, pronounced the benediction, and after announcements were made the Conference adjourned to meet at two o'clock for the Memorial Sermon.

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**AFTERNOON.**

The Conference convened at two o'clock, with J. P. Porter in the chair.

C. W. Blodgett conducted the devotions, reading a portion of the fourteenth chapter of John, and led in prayer.

R. E. Smith then preached the Memorial Sermon from 2 Sam. vii, 10. At the close of the sermon Hymn 1078 was sung, and A. B. Leonard led in prayer.

The Memoirs were adopted, and ordered edited by the Secretary and published in the Minutes.

**Statistical Session.**—The list of the charges was called, and a number of the pastors reported their collections.

On motion, the Conference ordered a column in the Statistical Report for Christ's Hospital.

The Nominating Committee reported the following changes in the Standing Committees: Sunday-schools, D. S. Ewry for S. A. Keen; Temperance, E. J. Moore for F. M. Clemans, and George S. Easton for G. M. Hammell; Public Morals, A. K. Stabler for J. W. Bashford, and T. W. Salt for J. W. Magruder; Conference Relations, J. S. Pumphrey for R. K. Deem; American Bible Society, W. B. Brown for C. D. Munsey; Board of Stewards,

W. A. Wiant for U. G. Humphrey; Education, H. C. Jameson for J. W. Bashford, and G. P. Benton for L. E. Prentiss; Epworth League, A. L. Brokaw for C. P. Pumphrey; Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, J. E. Abrams for G. V. Morris; Postmaster, E. W. Serl for W. E. Hammaker. On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the report was adopted.

**Aggressive Evangelism.**—H. W. Bailey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The General Conference appointed a Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, and requested each Annual Conference to appoint an Annual Conference Commission to co-operate with the General Conference, and each Presiding Elder to work with the Annual Conference; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we appoint such a Commission by this Conference, to consist of the Presiding Elders and one minister and one layman from each district, which Commission shall report at this Conference.

Announcements were made, and the benediction was pronounced by J. T. Bail.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, *September 1, 1904.*

At half-past eight o'clock this morning Bishop Bashford opened the Conference and conducted the devotions, reading for the Scripture lesson a part of our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, and commenting upon the Beatitudes.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

**Rules of Order.**—The following paper concerning Rules of Order was offered by D. J. Starr, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The last General Conference has provided that an Annual Conference may adopt Rules of Order for its annual sessions, the same to continue at the pleasure of the Conference, and to be repealed or amended as it may provide; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Cincinnati Conference hereby adopt the Rules of Order of its last session, and that the same shall continue in force until the Conference may otherwise order.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the row of pews ranging with the columns.

**Episcopal Ruling.**—A. B. Leonard offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the late General Conference decided that an Annual Conference "continues in its organic existence, while its individual members come in and go out;" and

WHEREAS, A Conference may adopt Rules of Order to continue in force from session to session, subject to amendment as the Conference may determine; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we present to our presiding Bishop the following legal question, to-wit: As the organic life of the Annual Conference continues, and the Rules of Order may continue at its pleasure subject to amendment, do not the officers elected by the Annual Conference remain in office continuously, rendering unnecessary their election from year to year?

The hour of adjournment was fixed at 11.45 A. M.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Committee on Nominations was directed to present names for the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism as ordered yesterday.

I. R. Marshall, W. W. Reeves, and W. J. Baker were granted brief leave of absence.

**J. W. Mason.**—C. L. Conger announced the sad news of the death of J. W. Mason, and that the funeral would take place tomorrow, and, at the request of the family, under the direction of George H. Dart. At the request of Brother Dart, the following additional persons were appointed to represent the Conference: A. B. Leonard, C. W. Barnes, C. L. Conger, John A. Story, John W. Peters, S. O. Royal, H. C. Weakley, F. G. Mitchell, John Pearson, James P. Porter, D. J. Starr, Edward McHugh, M. LeSourd, Gervaise Roughton, and M. B. Fuller.

The Secretary read to the Conference a letter from Wilbur N. Mason, written previous to his father's death, expressive of his appreciation of the sympathies of his Conference brethren.

At the call of the Bishop, C. W. Barnes led the Conference in prayer for the bereaved family.

The Bishop announced dividends for Conference Claimants from the Book Concern for \$1,332, and from the Chartered Fund for \$22, and the drafts were ordered.

He also presented a statement of the Treasurer of the General Conference Expense Fund, showing a deficiency in the collections of this Conference for that purpose.



H. W. Bailey moved that the Statistical Secretary be requested to purchase a stamp for blanks providing for reports for Christ's Hospital and the Home for the Aged, which was carried.

**Presiding Elders' Reports.**—D. W. Clark, Presiding Elder of the Cincinnati District, and Heber D. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, read their reports.

**Bishop Walden.**—Bishop J. M. Walden entered and was given the "Chautauqua salute," and was invited by Bishop Bashford to the platform.

A. B. Leonard offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we cordially welcome Bishop John M. Walden to our Conference, and invite him to take part in our discussions as in days of yore.

(Signed.)      A. B. LEONARD,      G. S. EASTON,  
R. H. RUST,      S. B. SMITH.

Bishop Walden briefly addressed the Conference, referring particularly to a readjustment of boundaries of Ohio Conferences.

**Boundaries.**—On motion of A. B. Leonard, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That we appoint a Commission of five to confer with like Commissioners from the several Annual Conferences within the State of Ohio for the purpose, if found practicable, of so rearranging Conference lines as to provide for four Conferences instead of five.

*Resolved*, 2. That we request our Bishop and Cabinet to nominate for Conference approval said Commissioners.

**Visitors.**—Professor F. C. Eiselen, of Garrett Biblical Institute, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning theological instruction.

Rev. W. F. Anderson, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and addressed the Conference with regard to the work of the Board. Special interest was taken in the address on account of the fact that this was the first official visit of the Secretary since his election to that office.

Christ's Hospital and the work of the Deaconesses was presented by W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary.

The Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, Rev. Levi Gilbert, D. D., was introduced, and spoke concerning the plans and work of the periodical under his care.

The following were then introduced: Rev. F. Ohlinger, missionary to China; Dr. J. M. Mills, of the Central Ohio Confer-

ence; J. W. Magruder, of the Maine Conference; J. N. Jerman, of the Indiana Conference; W. W. Ramsay, recently transferred to this Conference; Isaac Crook, of the Ohio Conference; S. P. Devasagaim, Delaware, Ohio; Rev. W. E. Bancroft, of the Ohio Conference, and Harry Baker, of Lima, Ohio.

On motion of the Secretary, the Certificates for the Deaconesses were ordered signed.

Notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, *September 2, 1904.*

CONFERENCE was called to order at half-past eight o'clock, Bishop Bashford conducting the devotions. He continued his comments of yesterday on the Beatitudes.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

A note of fraternal greeting from Bishop Joyce was read by A. B. Leonard.

V. F. Brown, Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, read his report.

The report of the Examining Committee was heard with regard to the classes still in Conference studies. The following action was taken: F. J. Reinbarth was advanced to the Studies of the Second Year; John J. Giblin, transferred from the Kentucky Conference as a probationer in the first year's studies, was passed to the class of the Second Year, conditioned on Rhetoric; C. J. Kelch was discontinued; and E. W. Lutterman was continued in studies of the First Year.

In the class of the Second Year the following action was taken: W. E. Verity and J. M. Bailey were passed in their examinations; J. J. Hawk was continued on trial in the Studies of the Third Year; and C. J. Moore was continued on trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

In the class of the Third Year the following action was taken: Asa J. Kestle, W. W. Reeves, and Louis O. Hartman were passed to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

At his own request, J. S. Ruggles was granted a Superannu-

ated relation, and was recommended to the consideration of the Board of Stewards.

Edward McHugh was continued as Supernumerary, and recommended to the consideration of the Board of Stewards. On motion of John Pearson, a contribution, expressive of good will and fraternal sympathy, was made for Brother McHugh. It amounted to \$60.

The work of the Preachers' Relief Society was called to the attention of the Conference by George W. Dubois in a brief address.

R. W. Burns, Esq., a member of the Church at West Carrollton, was introduced, and invited the Conference to attend a reception at his home this evening. On motion, the invitation was accepted.

J. L. Shively offered the following report from the Committee on Nominations, and it was adopted:

We, the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees, to whom was referred the matter of nominating the members who should compose the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, beg leave to refer the matter back to the Conference, with the recommendation that the Conference request the Bishop and Cabinet to appoint said Commission.

M. LESOURD, *Chairman.*

J. L. SHIVELY, *Secretary.*

A. N. Spahr, Presiding Elder of the Milford District, read his report.

On motion of C. W. Barnes, John Wilson was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request. The remarks of Brother Wilson, relating to his thirty-four years in the itinerancy, were happy and eloquent.

The Preliminary report of the Board of Stewards was read by R. E. Smith.

The names of the effective Elders on the Cincinnati District were called, and each reported having taken the Disciplinary collections.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to reappoint D. J. Starr Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary, according to the request of the Board of Managers of that institution. The Bishop was also requested to reappoint U. G. Humphrey State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for Indiana, and he was excused from further attendance.

Dr. P. A. Baker, Superintendent of the National Anti-Saloon League, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That we rejoice at the rising tide of temperance sentiment brought about by the allied temperance forces as manifested in the Brannock Law passed by the last General Assembly. To this law as a tentative measure, so far as it points to the entire overthrow of the saloon by the voice of the people, we give our hearty approval. We also express our regret that the Governor of Ohio allied himself with the liquor interests in his persistent effort, by the threatened use of his veto prerogative, to compel the Legislature to modify its action in the interest of the saloon, against the expressed wish of the people through their representatives. We look upon such use of the veto prerogative as dangerous, and such a defense of the saloon as shameful, and do earnestly protest against the renomination of the present Governor for that high office.

H. D. KETCHAM,	A. B. AUSTIN,	S. O. ROYAL,
G. W. DUBOIS,	W. H. WEHRLY,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,
M. B. FULLER,	A. C. TURRILL,	JOHN A. STORY,
J. E. ABRAMS,	C. L. CONGER,	C. W. BARNES.
J. G. VAUGHAN,		

The following, offered by H. D. Ketcham, was also adopted:

We hereby instruct the Secretary of the Conference to convey to Dr. G. L. Tufts our most cordial greeting and indorsement in his new field of labor as State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon. And to assure him in his transfer to the Oregon Conference that he goes bearing the love of his brethren, and shall have their sustained interest in his success.

**Visitors.**—Rev. T. G. Duvall, one of the professors in the Ohio Wesleyan University, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The following visitors were also introduced: J. H. Fitzwater, D. D., of the Central Ohio Conference; A. H. Norcross, D. D., of the Ohio Conference; Paul C. Curnick, D. D., of the Northwest Indiana Conference; and Mrs. William Herr, one of our honored widows, of Dayton, Ohio.

Notices were given, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Isaac Crook.

## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, *September 3, 1904.*

THE Conference opened this morning at half-past eight o'clock. Bishop Bashford conducted the devotions, dwelling in his remarks on personal and pastoral work as a preparation for a revival.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and adopted.

The transfer of G. L. Tufts to the Oregon Conference was announced.

**Episcopal Ruling.**—Bishop Bashford rendered his decision on the question of law presented at the first day's session, as follows:

The Annual Conference is a permanent body. (See Discipline, paragraph 34.) As such it may adopt rules for its government and provide for the election of its officers, save a president; and it may adopt Rules of Order for its Annual Sessions, the same to continue at its pleasure and to be amended or repealed as it may provide.

A. B. Leonard offered the following addition to the Rules of Order, and it was adopted as Rule No. 1:

No. 1. The elective officers of the Conference shall be chosen annually by such method as the Conference may adopt, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

J. G. Vaughan moved a vote of thanks to R. W. Burns and the Friend Paper Company for the courtesies of last evening, and the Secretary was instructed to convey this action to Mr. Burns.

C. W. Barnes, the retiring Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, read his final report, at the close of which C. L. Conger, on behalf of the preachers of the district, in well-chosen words presented to him a set of Hastings's "Dictionary of the Bible."

**Boundaries.**—H. D. Ketcham offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Conference is hereby instructed to convey to each of the other Ohio Conferences, through its presiding Bishop and Secretary, the request of the Cincinnati Annual Conference to appoint a Commission under Paragraph 436, to confer with like Commissions from all the other Ohio Conferences in regard to the readjustment of the Conference boundary lines, the same to meet in Columbus on Thursday at 10 A. M. of the first day of December.

The Bishop appointed the Presiding Elders as Commission on Boundaries.

**Admissions.**—James M. Bailey and William E. Verity were recommended by Quarterly Conferences, by the Presiding Elders, and by the Board of Examiners for admission into Full Connection. After a brief and appropriate address by Bishop Bashford concerning a minister's habits of reading and study, and after answering the Disciplinary questions they were admitted into Full Connection. James M. Bailey was elected to Deacon's Orders, and William E. Verity to Elder's Orders as a Local Preacher.

R. E. Smith read the final report of the Board of Stewards.

T. D. Moore offered a plan for the pensioning of Superannuates, and the plan was referred to the Board of Stewards, requesting a report on the same during this session. (See page 73.)

The following was offered by H. A. M. Henderson, and was adopted:

*Resolved*, That among the noblest charities inviting Christian interest is the Home of the Aged, whose merits need only to be known to receive the financial support and devout prayers of the Church.

*Resolved*, That we commend the energetic president to the favorable notice of all philanthropists, and tender Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., our appreciation of his tireless efforts to build and endow the Home.

HOWARD HENDERSON, G. H. DART,  
J. T. BAIL, A. B. LEONARD.  
S. B. SMITH,

H. C. Weakley, the President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

**Admission on Trial.**—Recommendations for Admission on Trial were presented as follows: George Franklin Barber, from the Avondale Quarterly Conference; William Luke Boicourt, from the Westwood Quarterly Conference; and George W. Keen, from the St. James (Newark, N. J.) Quarterly Conference, and Dudley Matthews, from the Germantown Quarterly Conference. They were each recommended by the Examining Committee and the Committee on Qualifications, and admitted on Trial.

**Local Deacons.**—Recommendations for Local Deacons' Orders were presented as follows: Alfred Taylor, from the Tremont City Quarterly Conference; Edmond M. Lewis, from the Atlantic (Quincy, Mass.) Quarterly Conference; and William L.

Boicourt, from the Westwood Quarterly Conference; and George F. Barber, from the Avondale Quarterly Conference, all of whom were elected to Deacons' Orders.

**Visitors.**—John T. McFarland, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society, was introduced. E. R. Graham, one of the Agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference concerning the circulation of books and periodicals. D. D. Thompson, LL. D., Editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*; John F. Fisher, of the East Ohio Conference; Shoji Murakami, of Tokyo, Japan; and Moses Nye, of Dayton, Ohio, were also introduced.

The Bishop announced the Board of Examiners for next year (see page 4), and also the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism (see page 6).

The session adjourned; with the benediction by Bishop Bashford.

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## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 5, 1904.

At half-past eight o'clock this morning Bishop Bashford opened the Conference and conducted the devotions. Many testimonies concerning personal work were given.

The journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The names of the effective Elders of the Dayton, Hillsboro, Milford, and Springfield Districts were called, they reported their collections, and the character of each passed.

The following requests for special appointments were made: H. L. Torbet, C. J. Moore, J. J. Giblin, and C. P. Pumphrey to be left without appointment to attend theological school; E. J. Moore, District Superintendent Anti-Saloon League; W. W. Reeves, to be a Field Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League; U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League of Indiana; D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent for the Western Methodist Book Concern; John Pearson, Field Agent of the American Bible Society; J. A. Easton, Field Agent of the Preachers' Relief Society; Guy P. Benton, President of the Miami University; and C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary.



F. M. Clemans was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request. A letter from him was read by the Secretary, and a Committee, consisting of R. E. Smith, A. Hamilton, and J. W. Peters, Conference classmates, was appointed to reply.

**Mears Bequest.**—John Pearson presented the report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest, and it was ordered printed. (See page 110.)

He also presented, on behalf of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest, the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a fund of \$7,750, besides a small amount of accrued interest, in the hands of John Pearson, W. A. Robinson, and W. F. Boyd, trustees appointed by this Conference, which fund was created by the will of John Mears, deceased; and

WHEREAS, Said Trustees have recommended that the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of Ohio, be appointed in their place and stead as trustees of said fund; and it is the judgment of this Conference that it would be wise and prudent to grant this request if said corporation will accept the trust aforesaid, and provided that there are no legal obstructions; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That said corporation, the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church be, and it is, hereby appointed trustee of said fund.

2. That John Pearson, W. A. Robinson, and W. F. Boyd, Trustees, are hereby authorized and directed to furnish said corporation with a copy of the will of John Mears and any other important papers relating to this bequest that may be in their possession, and to pay over the principal and interest of said fund now in their hands to the said corporation.

3. That whenever said corporation accepts said trust and receives said fund the present Trustees shall be relieved from all further responsibility in the premises, except that they shall make a report to the Cincinnati Annual Conference of their proceedings under this resolution.

**Lakeside.**—John Pearson offered the report of the Committee on Lakeside, which was adopted. (See page 100.)

C. L. Conger offered his resignation as Trustee of Lakeside, and it was accepted. On his motion, H. C. Jameson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

E. L. Hollingsworth was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

George H. Dart presented the memoir of J. W. Mason, and, on his motion, a Memorial Service was appointed for two o'clock this afternoon.

H. C. Weakley moved that his report on the Home for the Aged be printed in the Minutes, and the motion carried.

The list of Supernumerary preachers was called, and they were continued in the same relation. Philip Trout was granted an Effective relation.

The list of Superannuated preachers was called, and they were all continued in that relation.

The following Superannuates, being present, were called upon for remarks: W. H. Sutherland, J. T. Bail, S. B. Smith, C. H. Kalbfus, J. E. H. Sentman, Howard Henderson, and W. W. Ramsay.

A. N. Spahr was appointed to write a letter, on behalf of the Conference, to his classmate, W. N. Maxey.

A letter from Sylvester Weeks was read, and his classmate, Bishop Walden, was requested to respond with fraternal greetings.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Committee on Program for next year was directed to arrange for a Semi-centennial Sermon by Howard Henderson.

Bishop Bashford announced the following nominations to be Conference Trustees: J. A. Story and A. T. Cowgill, term to expire 1907, and they were elected.

A paper from James N. Gamble concerning Deaconess Work was referred to the Cabinet for nominations.

W. P. Thirkield, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, addressed the Conference concerning the important work of that Society. He was excused from further attendance.

J. T. McFarland, D. D., Secretary of the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society, addressed the Conference.

**Admission on Trial.**—The following persons were recommended for Admission on Trial: Benjamin H. Lewis, from the Amelia Quarterly Conference; Edgar Starkey Jackson, Blanchester Quarterly Conference; Jesse Lee Corley, from Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference; William F. Clark, from Brandt Quarterly Conference; and Clark L. Gowdy, Gordon Quarterly Conference. After representation by Board of Examiners and Presiding Elders and the Committee on Qualifications, they were admitted on Trial.

The following were also recommended: Bert. Edward Smith, from Dunkinsville Quarterly Conference; Purdy L. Van Wicklin,

Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference; and Herbert R. Whiting, Mount Auburn (Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

Pending consideration of their Admission on Trial, the Conference adjourned.

Bishop Bashford requested Bishop Walden to preside at the afternoon session. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Walden.

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AFTERNOON.

BISHOP BASHFORD called the Conference to order at two o'clock this afternoon. J. S. Pumphrey conducted the devotions.

The journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

The question pending at the hour of adjournment was taken up. Bert E. Smith, Purdy L. Van Wicklin, and Herbert R. Whiting were admitted on Trial, the last-named to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, the Treasurer was instructed to pay the sum of money in his hands accruing from fractional amounts to S. W. Bell for defraying expenses connected with the Conference program.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Conference hereby expresses its cordial approval of the plan for the Memorial Service, in having three-minute memoirs presented of those deceased, followed by a Memorial Sermon not to exceed thirty minutes. The Committee on Public Worship for the next Annual Session is hereby instructed to arrange for the service following the administration of the Sacrament and the Roll-call upon the opening day of the session.

On motion, a recess of ten minutes was taken to secure a Conference photograph.

Bishop Walden occupied the chair after recess, and during the service which followed.

**Memorial.**—George H. Dart read the memoir of John W. Mason, and several members of the Conference made remarks, offering tributes to the memory of our translated brother. By vote, the memoir was adopted.

Bishop Walden being compelled to leave, called A. B. Leonard to the chair.

W. N. Mason and Mrs. Roudebush, children of Brother Mason, were introduced, and Wilbur N. Mason made brief and tender remarks, paying a beautiful tribute of filial affection to his departed father and his devoted mother.

**Reports.**—The report of the Board of Stewards was presented by R. E. Smith, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 73.)

R. E. Smith also offered a report from the Board of Stewards concerning pensions for Superannuates. The first item of the report was adopted. The second item was ordered printed for fuller consideration next year. The third item was adopted. (See Report, page 102.)

The following reports were also presented, read, and adopted (see Reports, pages 90-107): That of the American Bible Society, by Frank Lever; of the Auditing Committee, by C. W. Briggs; of the Church Extension Society, by O. L. Utter; on Education, by W. H. Wehrly; on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, by J. P. Gilliland; on Missions, by H. G. Curless; on Parsonages, by S. G. Pollard. A paper on Church Insurance was presented by the Secretary, and ordered printed with the reports.

During the session Bishop Bashford presented for record the following:

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

*This Certifies, That on September 4, 1904, in Miamisburg, Ohio, I ordained James Monroe Bailey, George Franklin Barber, William Luke Boicourt, George William Keen, Edmond Mark Lewis, Dudley Matthews, and Alfred Taylor, DEACONS; and on the same day and at the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained William E. Verity an ELDER, according to the Ritual and Usages of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

*Miamisburg, Ohio, September 4, 1904.*

*J. M. Bashford*

*Bishop.*

J. A. Easton exhibited a pamphlet entitled, A Report of the Missionary Society for the year 1832, and presented it to the Historical Society of the Conference.

Pending the report on Missions, A. B. Leonard, the Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference.

On motion of J. P. Porter, the Conference adjourned to meet at seven o'clock to-night.

The benediction was pronounced by A. B. Leonard.

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EVENING.

At seven o'clock to-night A. B. Leonard called the Conference to order, and S. B. Smith led in the devotions.

W. J. Baker moved that Statistics No. II be published in the Minutes only by recapitulation, and the motion carried.

Reports of Standing Committees were read and adopted as follows (see pages 90-107): On Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, by J. E. Thomas; on Tracts, by L. A. Washburn; on Deaconess Work, by Gervaise Roughton; on Sabbath Observance, by D. J. Starr; on Public Morals, by D. J. Starr; on Epworth League, by J. F. Chenoweth.

The list of Standing Committees nominated for next year was offered by M. LeSourd, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and it was ordered printed.

The members of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism were named by the Nominating Committee, and they were approved. (See page 6.)

The report on Aggressive Evangelism was read by J. S. Pumphrey, and was adopted. (See page 91.)

G. S. Easton offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved.* That this Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church hereby express its appreciation for the stand taken by the Hon. L. M. Shaw, in the matter of the Sabbath opening of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and that we hereby instruct our Secretary to express to him our appreciation and gratitude for said action.

J. G. VAUGHAN, G. S. EASTON. C. W. HORN.

H. W. Bailey offered the following, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, On account of family affliction Rev. J. L. Shively is to go from us for a while to the mission work in New Mexico, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That we hereby express our regret at having to lose temporarily a man whose eminently pious life, irreproachable Christian con-

duct, rare brotherly spirit, and earnest Christian work we greatly admire and highly prize;

*Resolved, 2.* That we commend him to the mission workers as a true minister of Christ in every way worthy of their confidence and well qualified for the Master's work.

*Resolved, 3.* That we assure Brother Shively of our sympathy and prayers that God's blessing may accompany him to his distant field of labor, and that after the speedy restoration of his daughter's health he and his excellent family may be restored to their place of usefulness in our midst.

H. W. BAILEY,  
THOMAS W. SALT,  
WILLIAM H. SPYBEY,

The following reports were read and adopted: On Sunday-school Cause, read by J. A. Jenkinson; on Temperance, by A. B. Leonard; on the State of the Church, by J. S. Pumphrey. (See pages 90-107.)

A collection amounting to \$26.38 was taken for Mr. John Rohrer, the janitor, who was introduced to the Conference, and expressed his thanks for the contribution.

The Conference Treasurer, C. W. Horn, read his report, and it was adopted. (See page 76.)

G. M. Hammell read the report of the Statistical Secretary, and it was adopted. (See pages 77-89.)

The question of the seat of the next Conference was taken up. J. A. Story invited the Conference to High Street, Springfield. The invitation was accepted by a unanimous standing vote.

The journal of the afternoon session was read and approved. Bishop Bashford entered and resumed the chair.

Howard Henderson read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and it was adopted item by item by rising votes. (See page 103.)

**Sale.**—V. F. Brown reported the sale of the parsonage on Sugar Tree Ridge Circuit, according to Paragraph 316 of the Discipline, for the sum of \$436, and handed the same to the Conference Trustees. He asked that if during the coming year the circuit should buy or build a parsonage this money shall be at its disposal, the pastor of the charge and Presiding Elder of the district concurring in the request of the local Trustees, without an order from the next Annual Session of the Cincinnati Conference. It was so ordered by vote.

The Bishop presented nominations for Boards of Church Location and Church Extension, and they were approved. (See page 4.)

He presented also his appointments of Triers of Appeals; also for the Missionary and Memorial Sermons. (See page 6.)

The Bishop was requested to appoint four Conference evangelists; namely, J. L. Glascock, H. G. Scudday, E. S. Gaddis, and H. Hershey.

H. D. Ketcham offered the following, which was adopted:

We hereby reaffirm the position of this Conference, announced at the two sessions preceding, that no charge paying less than \$600 and a house has just cause for complaint if a married man in full membership in the Conference is not appointed to the charge, and would add that no station nor circuit contiguous to a city should pay less than \$700 and a house.

**Transfers.**—The following Transfers were announced: C. F. Enyart, to Southwest Kansas Conference; G. L. Tufts, to the Oregon Conference; and W. A. Cooper, from the Colorado Conference; and W. F. Gilliland, from the Central Ohio Conference, being a Probationer at the end of the first year. The Examiners reported his studies, and he was passed to the Studies of the Second Year.

A. B. Leonard moved that after the reading of the Minutes and the announcement of the Appointments for the ensuing year, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*, and the motion prevailed.

On behalf of the preachers of the Hillsboro District, J. S. Pumphrey presented a purse to V. F. Brown, the retiring Presiding Elder, who made appropriate response.

The hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung, and Dr. Leonard led in prayer, after which Bishop Bashford read the appointments (see page 35), and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.



## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

*John J. Giblin* (Probationer first year), from the Kentucky Conference; *G. R. Frenger*, from the Kentucky Conference; *John S. Young*, from the Kentucky Conference; *W. A. Cooper*, from the Colorado Conference; *William F. Gilliland* (Probationer second year), from the Central Ohio Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

None.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Jesse Lee Corley, Clark L. Gowdy, Edgar Starkey Jackson, Benj. H. Lewis, Wm. F. Clark, Bert. E. Smith, Purdy C. Van Wicklin, Herbert R. Whiting.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*George F. Barber, Wm. L. Boicourt, Geo. W. Keen, Dudley Matthews.*

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Edward Lutterman.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Fred J. Reinbarth, John J. Giblin, Chas. J. Moore, Wm. F. Gilliland.*

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*Jacob J. Hawk.*

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—*Louis O. Hartman.*

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

*Chas. J. Kelch.*

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*James M. Bailey.*

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*William E. Verity.*

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*James M. Bailey.*

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

*Asa J. Kestle, William W. Reeves.*

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—None.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—None.

## 11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—Alfred Taylor, Edmund M. Lewis.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

(c) UNDER SEMINARY RULE.—*Wm. L. Boicourt, George F. Barber, George W. Keen, Dudley Matthews.*

## 12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—*Wm. E. Verity.*

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

## 13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference.

## 14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

George L. Tufts, to the Oregon Conference; C. F. Enyart, to the Southwest Kansas Conference.

## 15. *Who have Died?*

John L. Gregg, Wm. T. McMullen, L. E. Prentiss, R. K. Deem, J. W. Mason.

## 16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

## 17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

## 18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

## 19. *Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

## 20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

## 21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

## 22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

E. T. Wells, G. H. Dart, Charles Hartley, John Wilson, E. McHugh, I. R. Marshall, W. G. Warner, F. M. Clemans, E. L. Hollingsworth.

## 23. *Who are the Supernumerated Preachers?*

W. N. Maxey, J. F. Hall, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. W. Fee, S. W. Carey, S. W. Edmiston, W. H. Sutherland, L. F. Young, S. B. Smith, W. M. West, L. O. Deputy, J. H. Davis, C. H. Kalbfus, J. E. H. Sentman, Howard A. M. Henderson, J. S. Ruggles, S. N. March, T. E. Fidler, H. M. Keck, G. M. Edgar, John Vance, T. J. Harris, E. P. James, J. W. Hickman, J. T. Bain, W. P. Jackson, J. R. Hunter, Sylvester Weeks, C. J. Wells, J. McK. Schultz, C. D. Munsey, W. W. Ramsay.

## 24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

W. A. Wiant, C. M. Van Pelt, A. D. Maddox, E. Burdsall, J. S. Pumphrey, J. P. Porter, H. W. Bailey.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Probationers, 1,535; decrease, 102. Members, 51,606; increase, 54.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$56,789.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$11,950.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$10,100. (See Report, Board of Stewards, page 73.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See Appointments, page 35.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

High Street Church, Springfield.

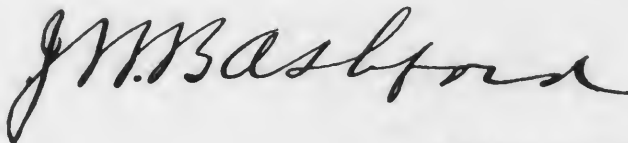
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## OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

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*Miamisburg, Ohio, September 5, 1904.*

*The Reports and Proceedings herewith published were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session held August 31 to September 5, 1904, in this city. By the rules of the Conference, these printed Minutes, together with all the Reports, were made the Official Record of its Proceedings.*



*Bishop presiding.*



*Secretary.*

## APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office, when different from appointment, inserted in parentheses. 2. In appointments where there are two places, the first is the post-office. 3. Supplies in brackets. 4. Numerals at right hand indicate the years of service entered upon.

### CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder, 5.  
220 W. Fourth St., Cincinnati, O.

### CINCINNATI:

✓Asbury, . . . . . C. C. Peale, 2.

### AVONDALE CHARGE:

✓1. Avondale, . E. P. Edmonds, 6.

✓2. Pleasant Ridge,  
L. O. Hartman, 2.

3✓Bond Hill, . . J. L. Corley, 1.

4✓Carthage and Reading,  
G. F. Barber, 1.

✓Christie, . . . . . C. L. Myers, 4.

✓Clifton, . . . . J. F. Chenoweth, 3.

✓Columbia, . . . George H. Smith, 1.

✓Delta Avenue, . . J. P. Ninde, 3.

✓E. Pearl Street, . . S. G. Pollard, 1.

✓Elmwood Place and Camp Wash-  
ington, . . . . . T. D. Moore, 1.

Fairmount, . . . F. M. Kirgan, 7.

Finley, . . . . . [W. W. Tranter.]

First Church, Northside,  
A. L. Brokaw, 3.

Linwood and Madison Road,  
J. E. Thomas, 3.

McKendree, . . . John A. White, 1.

Mt. Auburn, . . . J. A. Geissinger, 4.

Mt. Lookout, . . G. M. Hammell, 2.

Price Hill, . . . E. M. Ellsworth, 2.

Riverside, . . . . J. D. Darling, 1.

St. Paul, . . . . . C. W. Blodgett, 5.

Trinity, . . . . . M. B. Fuller, 4.

Walnut Hills, . . . J. B. Young, 5.

Wesley Chapel,  
Gervaise Roughton, 8.

### WESTWOOD CHARGE:

1✓Westwood, . D. G. Latshaw, 6.

2✓Groesbeck, Asbury, and Eb-  
enezzer, . . . . . S. A. Keen, 2.

3. Miamitown, Mt. Hope, and  
Dent, . . . . . W. L. Boicourt, 2.

Winton Place, . . . E. Burdsall, 6.

York Street, . . . . O. L. Utter, 2.

Cleves and Addyston, J. S. Young, 1.

Delhi, . . . . . J. R. Colley, 4.

Harrison, . . . . . W. K. Brown, 1.

Hartwell, . . . . . F. G. Mitchell, 3.

Lockland-Wyoming, W. L. Y. Davis, 5.

Madisonville, . . . . S. O. Royal, 2.

### NORWOOD:

First Church, . . . . J. E. Beery, 5.

Grace Church, . . . A. K. Stabler, 4.

R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary of  
the Freedmen's Aid and Southern  
Education Society, St. Paul (Cin-  
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.

H. C. Weakley, President of the  
Methodist Home for the Aged,  
Avondale (Cincinnati) Quarterly  
Conference.

J. E. Gilbert, General Secretary of the  
American Society of Religious Ed-  
ucation, Asbury (Cincinnati) Quar-  
terly Conference.

D. J. Starr, Chaplain Ohio Peniten-  
tiary, Trinity (Cincinnati) Quar-  
terly Conference.

M. M. Kugler, Instructor in Eliza-  
beth Gamble Deaconess Home,  
Westwood Quarterly Conference.

John Pearson, Field Agent of Amer-  
ican Bible Society, Clifton (Cin-  
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.

W. A. Robinson, Corresponding Sec-  
retary of the Elizabeth Gamble  
Deaconess Home and Christ's Hos-  
pital Association, Trinity (Cin-  
cinnati) Quarterly Conference.

Edward W. Lutterman, left without  
appointment to attend some one  
of our schools, Asbury (Cincinnati)  
Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Glascock, Conference Evangel-  
ist, Mt. Lookout (Cincinnati) Quar-  
terly Conference.

E. J. Moore, Superintendent of the  
Anti-Saloon League, Walnut Hills  
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Conference.

E. S. Gaddis, Conference Evangelist,  
member of Madisonville Quarterly  
Conference.

Herbert R. Whiting, left without ap-  
pointment to attend one of our  
schools, Mt. Auburn Quarterly  
Conference.

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

H. D. KETCHAM, . Presiding Elder, 4.  
P. O., Dayton, O  
Bethany, . . . . . J. H. Lease, 5.  
Brookville and Pymont,  
[Clarence Grouser.]  
Camden and Somerville,  
S. B. Timmons, 2.  
Centerville, . . . . A. D. Maddox, 1.  
DAYTON:  
Broadway, . . . . C. W. Elliott, 3.  
Grace, . . . . . H. C. Jameson, 3.  
Homestead Ave.,  
George W. Keen, 1.  
Raper, . . . . . V. F. Brown, 1.  
Riverdale, . . . . . E. W. Serl, 1.  
St. Paul, . J. G. Vaughan, 7, J. P.  
Gilliland, 1.  
Trinity, . . . . . O. M. Sellers, 2.  
Eaton and West Alexandria,  
W. A. Wiant, 2.  
Ebenezer and Woodward,  
W. E. Verity, 2.  
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley,  
W. T. Gilliland, 1.  
Fort Jefferson, . . [D. S. Ferguson.]  
Franklin, . . . Creighton Wones, 3.  
Germantown, . . . . J. J. Hawk, 1.  
Gordon, . . . . . [C. L. Gowdy, 2.]  
Hamilton, and Lindenwald, C. E.  
Schenk, 6, and S. A. Stephan, 2.  
Lewisburg, . . . . . G. L. Travis, 1.  
Miamisburg, . . Sheridan W. Bell, 2.  
Middletown, . . W. E. Hammaker, 1.  
Monroe, . . . . . J. A. Jenkinson, 2.  
New Paris, . . . Dudley Matthews.  
Osborn, . . . . . F. Leever, 2.  
Oxford, . . . . . C. M. Van Pelt, 3.  
Port Union and Glendale (Stockton),  
R. E. Smith, 2.  
Red Lion and Merrittstown,  
D. W. C. Washburn, 1.  
Seven Mile, . . . . O. P. Hoffman, 5.  
Springboro and Lytle, J. W. Patton, 5.  
Venice (Ross), . . W. D. English, 1.  
Walker and Union (McGonigle),  
[G. H. Pettingell.]  
West Carrollton, . John W. Gaddis, 4.  
West Chester, . . . J. F. McColm, 2.  
West Elkton, . [Stephen S. Myrick.]  
West Milton, . . F. J. Reinbarth, 2.

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H. L. Torbet, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

W. W. Reeves, Field Secretary of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

D. Lee Aultman, Field Agent Methodist Book Concern, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

W. P. Thirkield, Secretary Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, Franklin Quarterly Conference.

G. P. Benton, President Miami University, Oxford Quarterly Conference.

U. G. Humphrey, State Superintendent for Indiana of the Anti-Saloon League, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

H. G. Scudday, Conference Evangelist, Middletown Quarterly Conference.

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

A. C. TURRELL, . Presiding Elder, 1.  
P. O., Hillsboro, O.  
Belfast (Bell), . . . Bert E. Smith, 1.  
Blanchester, . . . Geo. W. Vorhis, 4.  
Bowersville, . P. L. Van Wicklin, 1.  
Butlerville, . . . To be Supplied.  
Centerfield (Rainsboro),  
[J. H. Davis.]  
Clarksville, . . . . J. H. McNary, 3.  
Greenfield, . . . . J. J. McCabe, 1.  
Highland, . . . . . J. R. Hill, 2.  
Hillsboro, . . . . . W. A. Deaton, 2.  
Jamestown, . . . . J. P. Porter, 4.  
Leesburg, . . . . Geo. S. Easton, 2.  
Loveland, . . . . . L. M. Davis, 2.  
Lynchburg, . . . . C. W. Briggs, 1.  
Maineville, . . . . W. S. Gray, 2.  
Martinsville, . . . [E. S. Underhill.]  
Morrow, . . . . . E. T. Lane, 2.  
New Burlington, . . O. D. Becker, 1.  
New Jasper, . . . C. L. Chapman, 1.  
New Vienna, . . . . A. Hamilton, 2.  
Rainsboro, . . . . A. J. Kestle, 2.  
Sabina, . . . . . W. M. Coffman, 1.  
Sinking Spring, . . E. S. Jackson, 1.

South Lebanon, . . . [H. W. Brown.]  
Sugar Tree Ridge, . . [T. M. Scarff.]  
Union (Spring Valley),

W. M. Patton, 2.

Waynesville, . . . Philip Trout, 1.

Wilmington, . . . J. S. Pumphrey, 3.

XENIA: -

First Church, . . . C. W. Barnes, 1.

Trinity, . . . . . R. H. Rust, 3.

*C. J. Moore*, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member Highland Quarterly Conference.

J. A. Easton, Field Agent of Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference, Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.

Henry Hershey, Conference Evangelist.

MILFORD DISTRICT.

ALBERT N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder, 3.  
P. O., Milford, O.

Aberdeen, . . . [Wilton F. Martin.]

Amelia, . . . . . G. R. Frenger, 1.

Batavia, . . . . . W. H. Spybey, 2.

Bethel, . . . . . L. A. Washburn, 3.

Branch Hill, . . . . . *H. H. Lewis*.

Chilo, . . . . . To be Supplied.

Decatur, . . . . . D. S. Ewry, 2.

Dunkinsville, . . . To be Supplied.

Feesburg, . . . . . [Fee Naylor.]

Felicity, . . . . . W. J. Baker, 2.

Georgetown, . . . . C. W. Horn, 6.

Goshen, . . . . . G. M. Fulton, 2.

Laurel, . . . . . W. E. Spurrier, 3.

Lebanon, . . . . . W. A. Cooper, 1.

Manchester, . . . . . J. Verity, 2.

Marathon, . . . . . [W. E. Shriver.]

Mason, . . . . . W. E. Putt, 2.

Milford, . . . . . M. LeSourd, 5.

Moscow, . . . . . J. A. Winkler, 1.

Mount Orab, . . . . T. G. Williams, 2.

Mount Washington, . C. T. Crum, 1.

Mulberry, . . . . . To be Supplied.

New Richmond, . . W. J. Dunham, 3.

Newtown, . . . . . T. P. Walter, 2.

Owensville, . . . . . W. B. Brown, 1.

Peebles, . . . . . John Phillips, 2.

Ripley, . . . . . H. W. Bailey, 2.

Summerside, . . . . A. J. Newton, 1.

West Union, . . . . W. C. Mitchell, 2.

Williamsburg, . . . . T. W. Salt, 1.

Williamsburg Circuit,

[J. E. H. Sentman.]

Winchester—Seaman,

*J. M. Bailey*, 1.

Sante Fe, New Mexico, J. L. Shively.

J. J. Giblin, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, Williamsburg Quarterly Conference.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

GEO. W. DUBOIS, Presiding Elder, 1.  
P. O., Springfield, O.

Arcanum, . . . . . S. W. Campbell, 2.

Brandt, . . . . . [David Clutch.]

Catawba, . . . . . J. L. Dalbey, 1.

Cedarville, . . . . H. C. Middleton, 3.

Christiansburg, . . [Warren Wiant.]

Concord (Westville), . J. C. Eckles, 1.

Covington, . . . . . O. L. Seward, 1.

Dialton, . . . . . J. F. Laird, 1.

Greenville, . . . . . A. B. Austin, 3.

King's Creek, . . . D. A. McCollm, 2.

Mechanicsburg, . . C. H. Haines, 2.

Mutual, . . . . . Thomas Cundy, 1.

New Carlisle, . . . H. E. Armacost, 2.

New Moorefield, . . R. S. McCollm, 5.

PIQUA:

Grace, . . . . . A. W. Leonard, 2.

Greene St., . . . . R. J. Wyckoff, 4.

South Charleston, . A. T. Cowgill, 3.

SPRINGFIELD:

Central, . . . . . C. L. Conger, 3.

Clifton Ave., . . . H. G. Curless, 2.

Grace, . . . . . J. L. Duckwall, 6.

High Street, . . . J. A. Story, 10.

St. Paul, . . . . . J. W. Peters, 6.

Tippecanoe City, . . G. P. Austin, 4.

Tremont City, . . . . [A. Taylor.]

Troy, . . . . . W. H. Wehrly, 1.

Troy Circuit, . . . . *W. F. Clark*, 1.

URBANA:

First Church, . . . J. E. Abrams, 2.

Grace, . . . . . E. H. Cherington, 7.

Vienna Cross Roads, . [J. D. Trout.]

Yellow Springs, . . B. D. Hypes, 3.

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| <p>A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.</p> <p>C. W. Rishell, Professor in Boston School of Theology, Central Church (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.</p> | <p>C. P. Pumphrey, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member Arcanum Quarterly Conference.</p> <p>F. C. English, President Moores Hill College, Moores Hill, Ind.</p> |
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### SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

N. B.—Figures after the names indicate the number of years of effective service, those before the number of years in present relation.

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|----|--------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 3. | E. T. Wells, 35,         | ..... | Toledo, O.           |
| 2. | E. McHugh, 47,           | ..... | Cincinnati, O.       |
| 2. | G. H. Dart, 47,          | ..... | Hamilton, O.         |
| 2. | I. R. Marshall, 10,      | ..... | Dayton, O.           |
| 2. | Charles Hartley, 12,     | ..... | Delaware, O.         |
| 1. | W. G. Warner, 14,        | ..... | Cleveland, O.        |
| 1. | John Wilson, 34,         | ..... | New Vienna, O.       |
| 1. | F. M. Clemans, 38,       | ..... | Washington C. H., O. |
| 1. | E. L. Hollingsworth, 10, | ..... | King's Creek, O.     |

### SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

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|-----------------------|-------|---|
| W. N. Maxey, 9,       | ..... | Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.                 |
| S. N. Marsh, 13,      | ..... | Fresno, Cal.                                    |
| J. F. Hull, 17,       | ..... | Rowland, Ala.                                   |
| T. E. Fidler, 30,     | ..... | Upper Sandusky, Quarterly Conference.           |
| J. G. Black, 37,      | ..... | New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.              |
| H. M. Keck, 32,       | ..... | St. Paul's (Toledo) Quarterly Conference.       |
| M. P. Zink, 40,       | ..... | Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.                 |
| G. M. Edgar, 34,      | ..... | Troy Quarterly Conference.                      |
| George W. Fee, 28,    | ..... | Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.                  |
| John Vance, 35,       | ..... | New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.            |
| S. W. Carey, 19,      | ..... | Grace (Urbana) Quarterly Conference.            |
| T. J. Harris, 29,     | ..... | Norwood Quarterly Conference.                   |
| S. W. Edmiston, 33,   | ..... | Winchester Quarterly Conference.                |
| E. P. James, 38,      | ..... | Delaware, O., William St. Quarterly Conference. |
| W. H. Sutherland, 55, | ..... | Wyoming, O.                                     |
| J. W. Hickman, 14,    | ..... | Delaware, O.                                    |
| L. F. Young, 23,      | ..... | Georgetown Quarterly Conference.                |
| J. T. Bail, 49,       | ..... | Norwood Quarterly Conference.                   |
| S. B. Smith, 45,      | ..... | R. R. No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan.            |
| W. P. Jackson, 33,    | ..... | Blanchester Quarterly Conference.               |
| W. M. West, 27,       | ..... | Newtown Quarterly Conference.                   |
| J. R. Hunter, 29,     | ..... | Lebanon Quarterly Conference.                   |
| L. O. Deputy, 18,     | ..... | Madisonville, Cincinnati.                       |
| Sylvester Weeks, 35,  | ..... | Pensacola, Fla.                                 |
| J. H. Davis, 26,      | ..... | Rainshoro, O.                                   |
| C. J. Wells, 25,      | ..... | Norfolk, Va., Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.   |
| C. H. Kalbfus, 30,    | ..... | Yellow Springs.                                 |
| J. McK. Shultz, 41,   | ..... | New Carlisle.                                   |
| C. D. Munsey, 24,     | ..... | Cleveland, Tenn.                                |
| Howard Henderson, 47, | ..... | Hartwell, O.                                    |
| W. W. Ramsay, 39,     | ..... | Winchester, O., St. Paul (Cincinnati) Q. C.     |
| J. S. Ruggles, 28,    | ..... | Mutual (Ohio) Quarterly Conference.             |



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## Directory.

#### BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENTERED MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop..	RESIDENCE.
		CONFERENCE.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Mason Merrill.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James Newbury FitzGerald...	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862	1888	Saint Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana.....	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio.....	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio.....	1867	1896	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell.....	June 1, 1842	Illinois.....	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warne.....	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario.....	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore.....	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio.....	1860	1900	Portland, Ore.
John W. Hamilton.....	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg.....	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry.....	May 1856	Detroit.....	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer.....	1847	Newark.....	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell.....	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio.....	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford.....	May 25, 1849	New England S.....	1883	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt.....	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East.....	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson.....	1856	Baltimore.....	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely.....	1841	Philadelphia.....	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott.....	1855	Tennessee.....	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham.....	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan.....	1883	1904	Singapore. Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson.....	1849	South India.....	1874	1904	Calcutta, India.
*Merriman C. Harris.....	1846	Japan.....	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

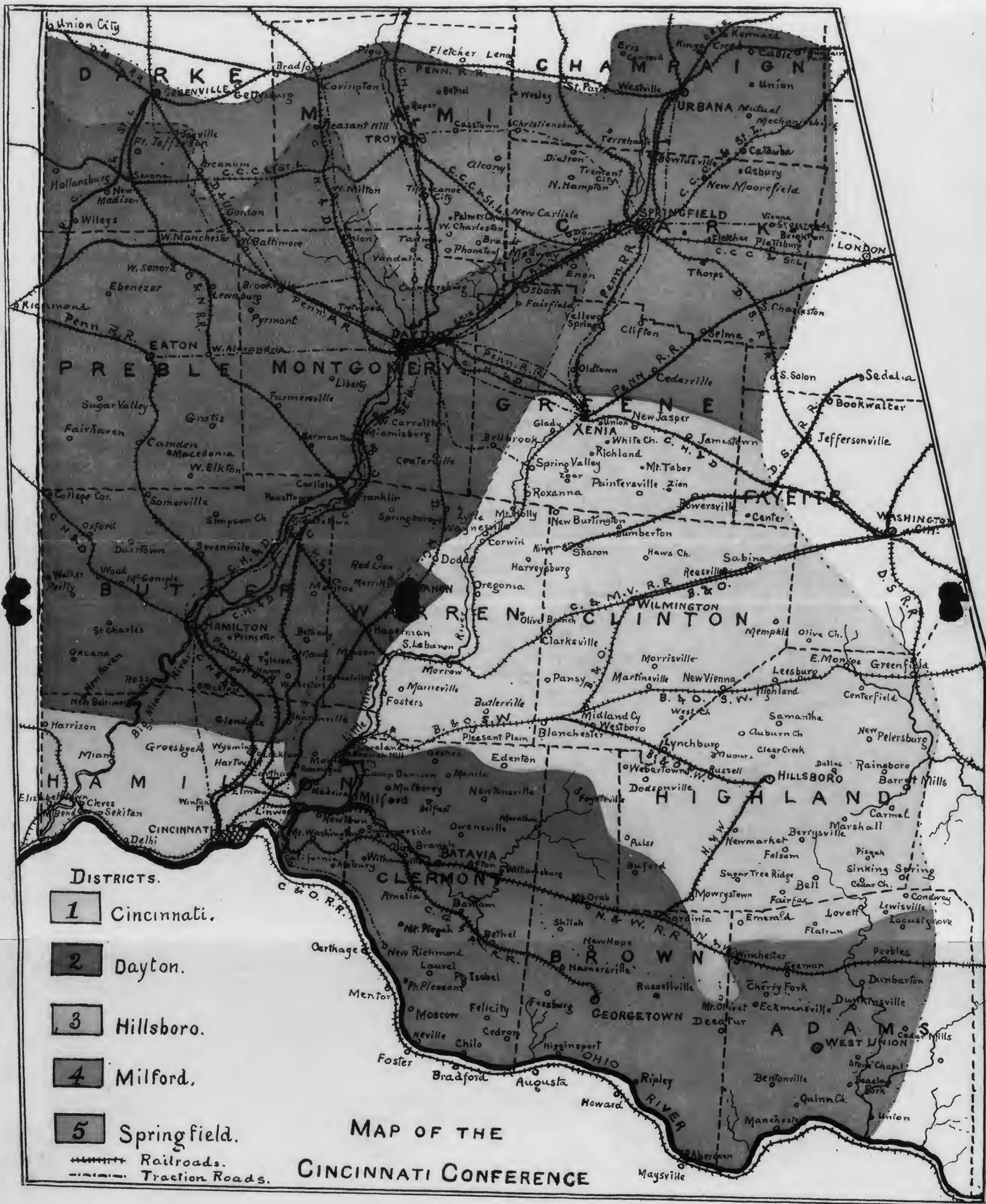
\*Missionary Bishops.

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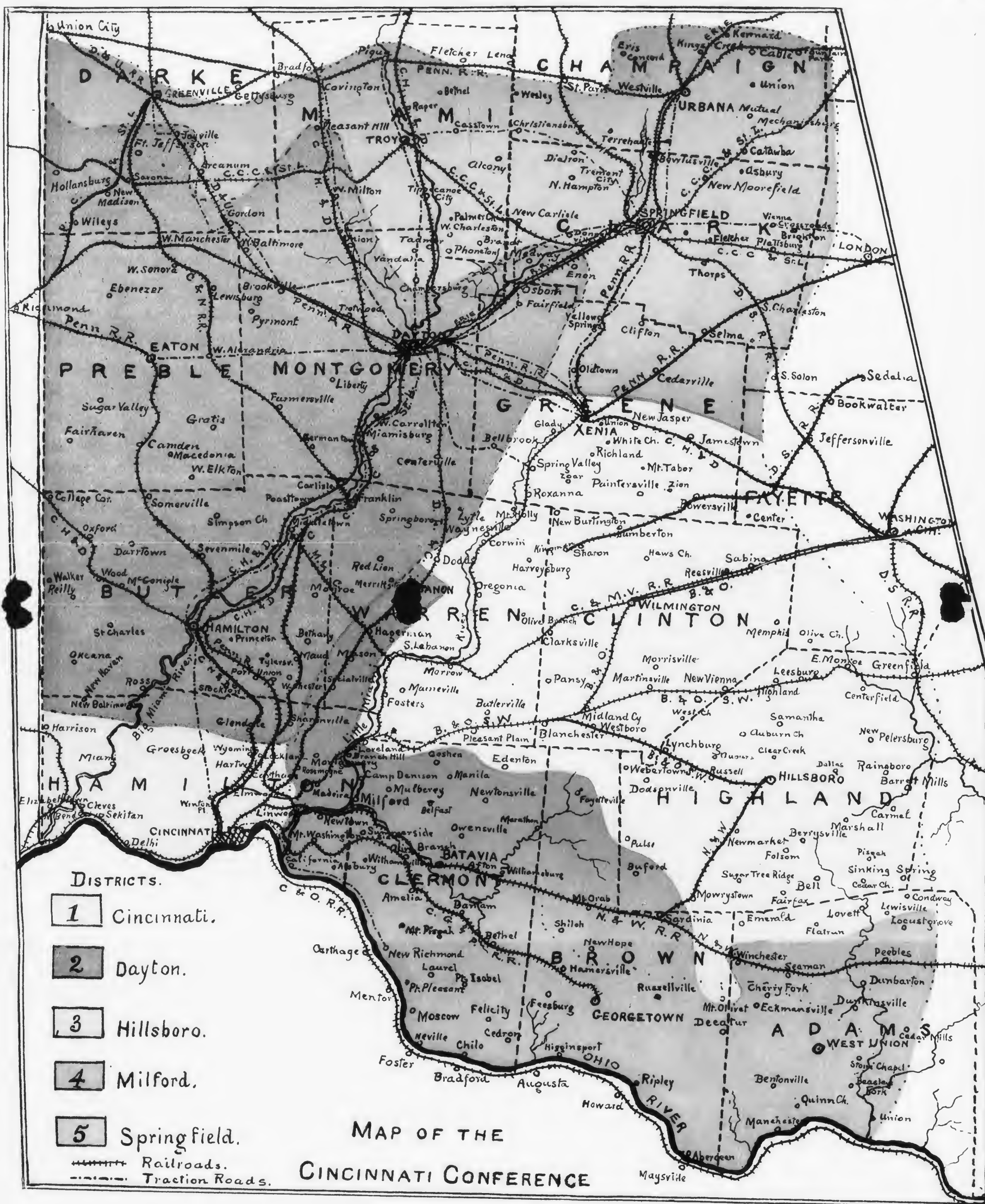
NOTE.—1. Sa. indicates those who are Superannuated; Sn. Supernumerary. 2. All post-offices in Ohio except where otherwise noted.

Abrams, J. E., Urbana.	Beery, J. E., Sta. H, Cincinnati.
Armacost, H. E., New Carlisle.	Bell, S. W., Miamisburg.
Aultman, D. Lee, Cincinnati.	Benton, G. P., Oxford.
Austin, A. B., Greenville.	Black, I. C. (Sa.), New Carlisle.
Austin, G. P., Tippecanoe City.	Blodgett, C. W., Cincinnati.
Bail, I. T. (Sa.), Sta. H, Cincinnati.	Briggs, C. W., Lynchburg.
Bailey, H. W., Ripley.	Brokaw, A. L., Cincinnati.
Bailey, J. M., Winchester.	Brown, V. F., Dayton.
Baker, W. J., Felicity.	Brown, W. K., Cincinnati.
Barber, G. F., Carthage.	Brown, Wm. B., Owensville.
Barnes, C. W., Xenia.	Burdsall, E., Winton Place.
Becker, O. D., New Burlington.	Campbell, S. W., Arcanum.

- Carey, S. W. (Sa.), Urbana.  
 Chapman, C. L., New Jasper.  
 Chenoweth, John F., Cincinnati.  
 Cherington, E. H., Urbana.  
 Clark, Davis W., Cincinnati.  
 Clark, W. F., Troy.  
 Clemans, F. M., Washington C. H.  
 Coffman, W. M., Sabina.  
 Colley, J. R., Delhi.  
 Conger, C. L., Springfield.  
 Cooper, W. A., Lebanon.  
 Corley, J. L., Bond Hill.  
 Cowgill, A. T., South Charleston.  
 Crum, C. T., Mt. Washington.  
 Cundy, T., Mutual.  
 Curless, H. G., Springfield.  
 Dalbey, J. L., Catawba.  
 Darling, J. D., Riverside (Cin).  
 Dart, G. H. (Sn.), Hamilton.  
 Davis, J. H. (Sa.), Rainsboro.  
 Davis, L. M., Loveland.  
 Davis, Wilbur L. Y., Wyoming.  
 Deaton, W. A., Hillsboro.  
 Deputy, L. O. (Sa.), Madisonville.  
 Dubois, G. W., Springfield.  
 Duckwall, J. L., Springfield.  
 Dunham, W. J., New Richmond.  
 Easton, G. S., Leesburg.  
 Easton, J. A., Sinking Spring.  
 Eckles, J. C., Westville.  
 Edgar, C. M. (Sa.), Hillsboro.  
 Edmiston, S. W. (Sa.), Winchester.  
 Edmonds, E. P., Avondale, Cin'ti.  
 Elliott, C. W., Dayton.  
 Ellsworth, E. M., Cincinnati.  
 English, F. C., Moores Hill, Ind.  
 English, W. D., Ross. ✓  
 Ewry, D. S., Decatur.  
 Fee, G. W. (Sa.), Mt. Orab.  
 Fidler, T. E. (Sa.), Upper Sandusky.  
 Frenger, G. R., Amelia.  
 Fuller, M. B., Cincinnati.  
 Fulton, G. M., Goshen.  
 Gaddis, J. W., West Carrollton.  
 Gaddis, E. S., Madisonville.  
 Geissinger, J. A., Cincinnati.  
 Giblin, John J., Boston Mass.  
 Gilbert, Jas. E., Washington, D. C.  
 Gilliland, Jas. P., Dayton.  
 Gilliland, W. T., Fair Haven.  
 Glascock, J. L., Mt. Lookout, Cin'ti.  
 Gray, W. S., Mainville.  
 Haines, C. H., Mechanicsburg.  
 Hamilton, A., New Vienna.  
 Hammaker, W. E., Middletown.  
 Hammell, Geo. M., Cincinnati.  
 Harris, T. J. (Sa.), Station H, Cin'ti.  
 Hartley, Chas. (Sn.), Delaware.  
 Hartman, L. O., Pleasant Ridge.  
 Hawk, J. J., Germantown.  
 Henderson, H. A. M. (Sa.), Hartwell.  
 Hershey, H., Cincinnati, O.  
 Hickman, J. W. (Sa.), Delaware, O.  
 Hill, J. R., Highland.  
 Hoffman, O. P., Seven Mile.  
 Hollingsworth, E. L. (Sa.), Kings Creek.  
 Horn, C. W., Georgetown.  
 Hull, J. F. (Sa.), Rowland, Ala.  
 Humphrey, U. G., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Hunter, J. R. (Sa.), Lebanon.  
 Hypes, B. D., Yellow Springs.  
 Jackson, E. S., Sinking Spring.  
 Jackson, W. P. (Sa.), Blanchester.  
 James, E. P. (Sa.), Delaware.  
 Jameson, H. C., Dayton.  
 Jenkinson, J. A., Monroe.  
 Kabisus, C. H. (Sa.), Yellow Springs.  
 Keck, H. M. (Sa.), 19 San Fleet Bldg., Toledo.  
 Keen, G. W., Dayton.  
 Keen, S. A., Westwood.  
 Kestle, Asa J., Rainsboro.  
 Ketcham, H. D., Dayton.  
 Kirgan, F. M., Fairmount.  
 Kugler, M. M., Westwood.  
 Laird, J. F., Dialton.  
 Lane, E. T., Morrow.  
 Latshaw, D. G., Westwood.  
 Lease, J. H., Bethany.  
 Leever, F., Osborn.  
 Leonard, A. B., 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.  
 Leonard, A. W., Piqua.  
 LeSourd, M., Milford.  
 Lutterman, Edward J., Madison, N. J.  
 Maddox, A. D., Centerville.  
 Marsh, S. N. (Sa.), Fresno, Cal.  
 Marshall, I. K. (Sn.), Port Union.  
 Maxey, W. N. (Sa.), Russell.  
 McCabe, J. J., Greenfield.  
 McColm, D. A., Kings Creek.  
 McColm, J. F., West Chester.  
 McColm, R. S., New Moorefield.  
 McHugh, E. (Sn.), Cincinnati.  
 McNary, J. H., Clarksville.  
 Middleton, H. C., Cedarville.  
 Mitchell, F. G., Hartwell.  
 Mitchell, Wm. C., West Union.  
 Moore, C. J., Boston, Mass.  
 Moore, E. J., Cincinnati.  
 Moore, T. D., Elmwood.  
 Munsey, C. D. (Sa.), Cleveland, Tenn.  
 Myers, C. L., Cincinnati.  
 Newton, A. G., Summerside.  
 Ninde, J. P., Cincinnati.  
 Patton, J. W., Springboro.  
 Patton, W. M., Spring Valley.  
 Peale, C. C., Cincinnati.  
 Pearson, Jno., Cincinnati.  
 Peters, J. W., Springfield.







# Members and Probationers.

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Phillips, John, Peebles.	Thirkield, W. P., Cincinnati.
Pollard, S. G., Cincinnati.	Thomas, J. E., Linwood.
Porter, J. P., Jamestown.	Timmons, S. B., Camden.
Pumphrey, Chas. P., Boston, Mass.	Torbet, H. L., Boston, Mass.
Pumphrey, J. S., Wilmington.	Travis, G. L., Lewisburg.
Putt, W. E., Mason.	Trout, P., Waynesville.
Ramsay, W. W., (Sa.), Winchester.	Turrell, A. C., Hillsboro.
Reeves, W. W., Oxford.	Utter, O. L., Cincinnati.
Reinbarth, F. J., West Milton.	Vance, John (Sa.), New Moorefield.
Rishell, C. W., Newtonville, Mass.	Van Pelt, C. M., Oxford.
Robinson, W. A., Cincinnati.	Van Wicklin, P. C. (C.), Bowersville.
Royal, S. O., Madisonville.	Vaughan, J. G., Dayton.
Roughton, G., Cincinnati.	Verity, J., Manchester.
Ruggles, J. S., Mutual.	Verity, W. E., Dayton.
Rust, R. H., Xenia.	Vorhis, G. W., Blanchester.
Rust, R. S., Cincinnati.	Walter, T. P., Newtown.
Salt, T. W., Williamsburg.	Warner, W. G. (Sa.), Dayton.
Schenk, C. E., Hamilton.	Washburn, D. W. C., Red Lion.
Scudday, H. G., Cincinnati.	Washburn, L. A., Bethel.
Sellers, O. M., Dayton.	Weakley, H. C., Cincinnati.
Sentman, J. E. H. (Sa.), Williamsb'g.	Weeks, O. (Sa.), Pensacola, Fla.
Serl, E. W., Dayton.	Wehrly, W. H., Troy.
Seward, O. L., Covington, O.	Wells, C. J. (Sa.), Norfolk, Va.
Shively, J. L., Santa Fe, N.M.	Wells, E. T. (Sn.), Toledo.
Shultz, J. McK. (Sa.), New Carlisle.	West, W. M. (Sa.), Madisonville.
Smith, B. E., Bell.	White, J. A., Eastern Ave., (Cin.)
Smith, R. E., Stockton.	Whiting, H. R., Boston, Mass.
Smith, S. B. (Sa.), Grand Rapids, Mich.	Wiant, W. A., Eaton.
Smith, G. H., Eastern Ave., Cin.	Williams, T. G., Mt. Orab.
Spahr, A. N., Milford.	Wilson, J. (Sn.), New Vienna.
Spurrier, W. E., Laurel.	Winkler, J. A., Moscow.
Spybey, Wm. H., Batavia.	Wones, Creighton, Franklin.
Stabler, A. K., Station H, Cincinnati.	Wyckoff, R. J., Piqua.
Starr, D. J., Columbus.	Young, J. B., Walnut Hills.
Stephan, S. A., Hamilton.	Young, L. E. (Sa.), Georgetown.
Story, J. A., Springfield.	Young, J. S., Cleves.
Sutherland, W. H. (Sa.), Wyoming.	Zink, M. P. (Sa.), Hillsboro.

## SUMMARY.

### MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuated, . . . . .	33
Supernumerary, . . . . .	8
Effective, . . . . .	159

Total Members, . . . . . 200

### PROBATIONERS—

First Year, . . . . .	12
Second Year, . . . . .	7
	18

Total, Members and Probationers, . . . . . 219

LOCAL PREACHERS, . . . . .	101
WIDOWS, . . . . .	63

## LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in italics; and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

### CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

BENSON, W. C. (Wesley), Cincinnati.  
*Cornuelle, V.*, Madisonville.  
 Getchell, Zerah (Walnut Hills), Cin'ti.  
*Gilson, W. H.* (Price Hill), Cin'ti.  
 Halley, R. H. (Finley), Cincinnati.  
 King, Thos. Sam'l (Northside), Cin'ti.  
 Leaverton, Landon W. (First Church),  
     Northside.  
 LOCKE, J. H. (Northside), Cin'ti.  
 Myrick, Frederick Lincoln, St. Paul.  
 O'Brien, Edwin L. (Trinity), Cin'ti.  
*Olenstayger, L.* (Asbury), Cincinnati.  
 Pugh, Albert H. (Avondale), Cin'ti.  
 Simpkinson, W. H. (First Church),  
     Norwood.  
 Thayer, Warren H. (Grace), Norwood.  
 Waffensmith, J. W., Asbury.  
 Warren, Francis M., Trinity.  
 Wright, H. G. (Price Hill), Cin'ti.

### DAYTON DISTRICT.

Bailey, S. A. (R. F. D., No. 5), Dayton.  
 Bates, A. E., Dayton.  
*Clark, D. W.*, New Paris.  
 Crouder, George, Heno.  
 Eckert, Clark, Glen Cairn.  
 Ganster, Howard A., Evanston, Ill.  
 Gowdy, Clark, Gordon.  
 GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford.  
 Grouse, Clarence, Dayton.  
*Hill, W. T.*, Enon.  
 Hoffman, George W.  
 Howell, E. S., West Elkton.  
 HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.  
 JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton.  
 Jones, T. S., Dayton.  
 Lamm, Chas., Camden.  
 Pierce, W. W., Dayton.  
 RICKETTS, S. B., Dayton.  
 SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton.  
 Silvers, H. D. (R. F. D.), Eaton.  
 Vorhis, J. S., Dayton.  
 Webber, Leroy, Heno.  
 Weisenbarger, Elmer C. (R. F. D.,  
     No. 3), Arcanum.

### HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Chancellor, S. D., Wilmington.  
 Craig, S. L., New Burlington.  
 Collins, H. O., Dunbarton.

Curless, Ashur, Blanchester.  
 DeLong, John E., Hillsboro.  
 Hardy, Chas. R., Centerfield.  
 Hill, John P. J., Westboro.  
*Johnson, Jacob*, Bowersville.  
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Highland.  
 Milburn, W. D., Xenia.  
 McIntyre, Altman, New Burlington.  
 Murphey, Geo. W., Turkey.  
 Naylor, John S., Hillsboro.  
 Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.  
 Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.  
 Roberts, Walter E., Seaman.  
 Scarff, T. R., Spring Valley.  
 Semple, Robert, Cedar Mills.  
 SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.  
*Thompson, Milton*, Greenfield.  
 Wheeler, Wm., Xenia.

### MILFORD DISTRICT.

Bennett, Milton, Amelia.  
 Bucklen, W. A., Pleasant Plain.  
*Cox, Edward*, Point Pleasant.  
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.  
 DURHAM, J. L., Bethel.  
 Gudgeon, H. W., Williamsburg.  
 HAGERMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.  
 Hatfield, Geo. B., Batavia.  
 Hendrixson, E.  
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.  
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.  
 Hockett, Wm., Newtonville.  
 Lewis, Edwin, Amelia.  
 Lewis, Benj., Amelia.  
*Long, Jos. R.*, Eastwood.  
 McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.  
 Moore, J. F., Felicity.  
 Rhodes, J. N., Williamsburg.  
 Richards, D. S., Moscow.  
 Thompson, E. B., Brecon.  
 Thoroman, S., West Union.  
 Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

### SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

ALBRIGHT, S., Arcanum.  
 BENNETT, C. W., Greenville.  
 CLINGER, I. W., Springfield.  
 Clutch, David, Alcony.  
 Deihl, Thomas R., New Carlisle.  
 C. A. Edgington, Selma.  
 Gilham, Albert, Springfield.

GUNN, J. W., Springfield.  
*Herr, D.*, Springfield.  
 Martz, G. H., Greenville.  
*Mitchell, R. M.*, Urbana.  
 Parker, S. V., Addison.  
 Stevens, Albert, Grafton.

Swisher, Milton, King's Creek.  
 Taylor, Alfred, Springfield.  
 Thompson, C. W., Covington.  
 Trout, John, Springfield.  
 Trout, Joseph D., Harmony.  
 Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.

## WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

[N. B.—The numbers opposite each name indicate the number of years of effective service rendered by the husband.]

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O., 28.  
 Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 1426 Hinman  
 Avenue, Evanston, Ill., 31.  
 Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O., 44.  
 Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Franklin, Ky., 10.  
 Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O., 12.  
 Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield,  
 Ohio, 34.  
 Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O., 12.  
 Carland, Mrs. Patrick, Dayton, O., 27.  
 Cassatt, Mrs. J. W., Greenville, O., 41.  
 Clayton, Mrs. S. D., Wilkinson Street,  
 Dayton, O., 47.  
 Collett, Mrs. Thos., Middletown,  
 O., 51.  
 Cowden, Mrs. T. S., Troy, O., 44.  
 Darlington, Mrs. N. W., West Union, O.  
 Deem, Mrs. R. K., Mainville, O., 40.  
 Dustin, Mrs. M., Dayton, O., 58.  
 Glascock, Mrs. Benjamin, Muncie,  
 Ind., 14.  
 Gullett, Mrs. C. W., Mt. Clemans,  
 Mich., 22.  
 Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky., 6.  
 Herr, Mrs. Wm., Dayton, O., 56.  
 Hines, Mrs. W. E., Williamsburg, O., 21.  
 House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cin-  
 cinnati, O., 10.  
 Hypes, Mrs. Fletcher, Owensville,  
 Ohio, 37.  
 Hypes, Mrs. W. L., Dayton, O., 43.  
 Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Dayton, O., 13.  
 Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md., 17.  
 Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., York, O., 35.  
 Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O., 6.  
 Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 127 S. 14th St.,  
 Richmond, Ind., 39.  
 Kirk, Mrs. Eli, St. Paris, O., 13.  
 Loyd, Mrs. J. F., Highland, O., 44.  
 Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Delaware, O., 21.  
 Marlay, Mrs. J. F., Dayton, Ohio, 51.  
 Mason, Mrs. J. W., Springfield, O., 44.  
 McCabe, Mrs. L. D., Delaware, O., 52.  
 McChesney, Mrs. S., Avondale, Cin-  
 cinnati, 37.

McClelland, Mrs. J. F., Poughkeepsie,  
 New York.  
 Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield,  
 Ohio, 8.  
 Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street,  
 Philadelphia, Pa., 4.  
 Miller, Mrs. Adam, 172 Ashland Av.,  
 Chicago.  
 Miller, Mrs. Henry, 4142 Kirby Ave.,  
 Cumminsville, Cincinnati, O., 24.  
 Middleton, Mrs. J. H., Greenfield,  
 O., 36.  
 Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg,  
 Ohio, 30.  
 Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O., 38.  
 Page, Mrs. I. C., Mechanicsburg, O., 7.  
 Payne, Mrs. C. H., Chattanooga,  
 Tenn., 40.  
 Pearne, Mrs. Thos. H., Station H,  
 Cincinnati, 62.  
 Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona,  
 Minn., 19.  
 Perry, Mrs. Geo. T., Lynchburg, O., 8.  
 Prentiss, Mrs. L. E., Athens, Tenn., 30.  
 Purkhiser, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O., 32.  
 Richards, Mrs. M. A., Station H, Cin-  
 cinnati, O.  
 Runyan, Mrs. William, Milford, O.  
 Sargent, Mrs. D. H., LaClyde Ave.,  
 St. Louis, Mo., 28.  
 Shannon, Mrs. W. Q., Xenia, O., 33.  
 Shanor, Mrs. Geo., Blanchester, O., 6.  
 Smith, Mrs. E. C., Price Hill, Cin-  
 cinnati, O., 18.  
 Stephenson, Mrs. James, Jamestown,  
 O., 37.  
 Stokes, Mrs. H., Lambert's Point, Va.  
 Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa, 9.  
 Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O., 43.  
 Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill,  
 Xenia, O., 40.  
 Whitney, Mrs. Jas. S., Lebanon, O., 29.  
 Wones, Mrs. T., Springfield, O., 8.



## IV.

# Conference Studies.

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### a. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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FRANK G. MITCHELL,  
*Chairman.*  
CHARLES L. CONGER,  
*Registrar.*  
W. A. ROBINSON,  
C. M. VAN PELT

D. G. LATSHAW,  
J. A. STORY,  
A. B. AUSTIN,  
S. W. BELL,  
J. E. ABRAMS,  
J. A. GEISSINGER,

W. H. WEHRLY,  
J. A. WHITE,  
M. B. FULLER,  
W. L. Y. DAVIS,  
G. H. SMITH.

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### b. ASSIGNMENT OF BOOKS AND STUDIES.

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**Section 1.** W. A. ROBINSON.—Lectures on Homiletics, *Kern*; Essays and Books to be read, Class of the Fourth Year.

**Section 2.** C. M. VAN PELT.—Short History of the English People, *Green*; Life and Epistles of St. Paul, *Conybeare and Howson*; Essays and Books to be read, of Candidates for Admission.

**Section 3.** A. B. AUSTIN.—A Manual of Christian Evidence, *Row*; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the First Year; Sermons and Books to be read, Class of the Third Year.

**Section 4.** J. A. STORY.—Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher*; Analogy of Religion, *Butler*.

**Section 5.** W. L. Y. DAVIS.—Lessons in Logic, *Jevons*; Essentials of Argumentation, *McEwen*; Essays and Books to be read, Class of Second Year.

**Section 6.** J. E. ABRAMS.—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher*; The Land of Israel, *Stewart*; Plain Account of Christian Perfection, *Wesley*.

**Section 7.** D. G. LATSHAW.—Christian Ethics, *Smyth*; Student's American History, *Montgomery*; Introduction to New Testament, *Dods*.

**Section 8.** J. A. GEISSINGER.—Biblical Hermeneutics, *Terry*; One Thousand Questions on Methodism, *Wheeler*; Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.

**Section 9.** W. H. WEHRLY.—Systematic Theology, *Miley*; Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, *Merrill*; Christian Baptism, *Merrill*.

**Section 10.** J. A. WHITE.—English Branches, 1, 2, 3. John Wesley the Methodist, A Biography; Systematic Theology, *Raymond*.

**Section 11.** G. H. SMITH.—Outlines of Descriptive Psychology, *Ladd*; Sermons of Candidates for Admission; Books read by Local Preachers.

**Section 12.** S. W. BELL.—Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, *Harmon*; A Manual of Christian Doctrine, *J. S. Banks*; Short History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; A History of Methodism (Abridged), *Stevens*.

**Section 13.** M. B. FULLER.—History of the Christian Church, *Hurst*; Theological Compend, *Binney*; A Manual of Bible History, *Blaikie*.

**Section 14.** F. G. MITCHELL.—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904; Digest of Methodist Law (Edition of 1900), *Merrill*.

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### c. EXAMINATIONS.

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Examinations will be held, at places to be named by the Chairman, on the first Thursday in December, 1904, and on the last Thursday in June, 1905, and at the seat of Conference, at 9 A. M., the day before the Conference session of 1905.

Examinations in December will be in:

**FIRST YEAR.**—Homiletics, *Kern*; Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Parts 1-5).

**SECOND YEAR.**—Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1904 (Part 6 to end); Short History of the English People, *Green*.

**THIRD YEAR.**—Outlines of Universal History, *Fisher* (Parts I and II); History of the Christian Church, Vol. I., *Hurst*; Written Sermon.

**FOURTH YEAR.**—History of the Christian Church, Vol. II, *Hurst*; Grounds of Theistic and Christian Belief, *Fisher*.

### RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. New lists of questions shall be prepared for each regular examination, and each list shall be properly folded for filing, and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the examiner.

2. The maximum number of questions on any branch shall be twenty; the minimum, ten.

3. Each examiner shall retain one copy of his own questions.

4. At all examinations the paper used shall be of letter size and of good quality.

5. The answers given on any study shall be folded and indorsed with the title of the text-book, and the name and address of the student.

6. At the close of an examination, the examiner in charge shall at once send all lists of questions to the Chairman of the Board.

7. The examiner in charge shall seal each envelope containing answers to questions, address it to the proper examiner, and permit the student to stamp and mail it.

8. Each examiner shall send grades promptly to the registrar and to the student.

9. Grades recorded by the registrar shall not be changed, except with the consent of the Board.

10. No student securing a grade of 70 per cent or more shall be re-examined.

11. The examiner shall retain all papers of undergraduates until the student has completed the course.

The attention of all undergraduates is called to Paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, on page 431 of the Discipline of 1904.

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#### d. CLASSES.

##### FOURTH YEAR:

Asa J. Kestle.....	Deacon.
Louis O. Hartman.....	Deacon.
William W. Reeves.....	Elder.

##### THIRD YEAR:

James M. Bailey.....	Deacon.
George F. Barber.....	Deacon.
William L. Boicourt.....	Deacon.
Jacob J. Hawk.....	
George W. Keen.....	Deacon.
Dudley Matthews.....	Deacon.
William E. Verity.....	Elder.

##### SECOND YEAR:

John J. Giblin.	William T. Gilliland.	Charles J. Moore.
Fred J. Reinbarth.		

##### FIRST YEAR:

William F. Clark.	Edgar S. Jackson.	Bert E. Smith.
Jesse L. Corley.	Benjamin H. Lewis.	Purdy C. Van Wicklin.
Clark L. Gowdy.	Edward W. Lutterman.	Herbert R. Whiting.

## V.

# Reports.

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## A.

### PRESIDING ELDERS.

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#### CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

DAVIS W. CLARK, Presiding Elder.

PERSONNEL.—The following personal notation should be made in the opening of this report:

The General Conference, by its action in the superannuation of Bishop John M. Walden, the resident Bishop of Cincinnati, has touched the personnel of our local situation. The Bishop emeritus needs no encomium. As a painstaking, industrious chief executive officer of the Church, his reputation is secure. The same Conference designated Bishop Henry Spellmeyer as our resident Bishop in the room of the one retired. It is significant that the first official act of the new incumbent was the baptism of a class of probationers for one of our unordained ministers; and his next, the dedication of a mission chapel. This may be safely interpreted as a token and pledge of helpfulness to pastors from one who is pre-eminently the Bishop from the pastorate.

I have the honor to report to the presiding officer of this Conference that the relation which he himself maintained to my district was dissolved by the General Conference which honored itself in his elevation to the Episcopacy.

Bishop David H. Moore has placed Cincinnati under increased and lasting obligation to himself by recent service. Before an audience in Music Hall, which no Methodist church in the city could have accommodated, he gave an address narrating his four years of Episcopal supervision in China, Japan, and Korea. The occasion was a jubilee in honor of the complete liquidation of the mortgage indebtedness of Church property within the Cincinnati District. On the evening of the same date, Bishop Moore dedicated the Linwood Church, to which reference will be made later.

No change has occurred in the "old guard" of the Cincinnati District, the superannuates—our honored father and brethren, W. H. Sutherland, J. T. Bail, Sylvester Weeks, T. J. Harris, L. O. Deputy—except that to their number has been added a worthy comrade in the person of Dr. Howard Henderson. Dr. Sutherland has suffered a tedious illness from which he has happily recovered so that we are honored by his presence at this session. Dr. and Mrs. Bail have joyously observed the golden anniversary of their marriage. Dr. Edward McHugh forms a class by himself, being the only supernumerary preacher in the District. His

friends rejoice in the substantial restoration of his health. Dr. Frank Clare English has been unanimously elected President of Moores Hill College, a position for which he has peculiar qualifications. At the request of the Cincinnati Missionary Society, the Rev. J. S. Young has been transferred to this Conference and has been employed by the Society. In addition to his work for the Society at McMicken Mission, he has supplied in a helpful manner the vacant pulpit of Addyston.

With the concurrence of the Conference, certain brethren have been assigned to special offices and forms of work.

Dr. Richard S. Rust will enter upon the sixtieth year of his ministry, and the fortieth year of official relation to the Freedmen's Aid Society. Dr. W. A. Robinson begins his fourth year as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association. Christ Hospital has been aptly called the Queen of our local philanthropies. One hundred thousand dollars has just been expended upon it, making it the most thoroughly equipped hospital in the Central West. Since its opening in 1888, 8,500 patients, including the clinic cases, have been treated. Of the patients treated annually, 400 are unable to pay anything; 400 more can pay but in part; a majority of the clinics are cases of charity. As might be inferred, the current expense of this enlarged work is a great problem to solve. Each month bills to the amount of \$3,500 have to be provided for. The proceeds of the endowment of a little over \$50,000 are hardly sufficient to meet the expenses of a single month. The only other sources of income are the pay patients and the contributions of Churches and individuals who sympathize with this work. My official relation to the work of the Association as the Presiding Elder of the District in which it is located, has given me exceptional opportunities for knowing its worth and seeing its needs, and I am impressed with the conviction that every pastor should regard himself as a lookout committee not only to secure endowments for the institution, but also to interest young women in entering our Training-school and Home, with the purpose of devoting their lives to the work of the deaconess. I have the further conviction that Dr. Robinson should not have to plead for the privilege of presenting the work, but that all the pulpits should be open to him, with invitations by the pastors and official boards extended to him to come at the most opportune time and take a collection for the work. There is no other way to make it go, and it must go. No pastor should any more think of coming up to the Conference without a collection for our Christ Hospital than of coming without a collection for the missionary cause. The healing and salvation of our own sick ought to be as precious in our sight as the salvation of the heathen.

Dr. H. C. Weakley, President of the Methodist Home for the Aged, will make his own report. I am certain that it will be listened to with the attention which its inspiring character will justify. Dr. John Pearson, Field Agent of the American Bible Society, will also claim the privilege of the floor to report his cause, the transcendent importance of which is conceded. Dr. D. J. Starr has been reappointed by the Board of Managers and the approval of the Warden of the prison, and the Governor of the State, to a third term as chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary. This is a position difficult to fill to the satisfaction of all parties, but members of our Conference who have visited this great prison at Columbus, one of the largest prisons of the world, bring back encouraging reports of the chaplain's good work among the sixteen hundred prisoners there. The Board of Managers request the Bishop to reappoint Dr. Starr to the Chaplaincy.

Dr. E. J. Moore, Superintendent of the Cincinnati-Dayton District of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, was transferred at the last session to this Conference by its request. This district of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League comprises twenty-one counties of southwestern Ohio, including all of the

Cincinnati Conference and parts of the Ohio and Central Ohio Conferences. All the work of the League in this District comes under the supervision of Dr. Moore. He has spoken at least twice every Sunday of the year, save two, as well as many times during the week in local option campaigns, traveling about thirteen thousand miles. The increased support of the Churches and people of the Conference, and particularly the Cincinnati District, is an encouraging sign of the developing of public opinion regarding the work of this Federation of Churches. The passage of the Brannock Bill last winter made it possible for the voters in our large cities to determine concerning the location of saloons in the residence sections. Parts of Avondale and Walnut Hills, in Cincinnati, and of Norwood, have already taken advantage of this measure, and by overwhelming majorities banished the saloon from their districts. There are twelve county seats now without saloons, and five of these are within the bounds of this Conference. Two counties within our Conference boundary have saloons in only one place.

Dr. W. K. Brown continues as Professor in the Miami Military Institute, Dr. J. E. Gilbert as General Secretary of the American Society of Religious Education, and Dr. M. M. Kugler as Instructor in the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home. The Rev. J. L. Glascock has been thirteen years in the evangelistic work. He has held meetings from Massachusetts to Colorado, and from Canada to Texas. He has traveled 116,760 miles, held meetings in 241 places, and preached 4,675 sermons. God has blessed his labors to the conversion of thirteen thousand souls. During the year, the Rev. H. G. Scudday ceased his work as an evangelist to supply the vacant pulpit at Middletown. The venerable Charles W. Rowland, an ordained local preacher whose name is indissolubly linked with the history of Methodism in Cincinnati, has joined loved companions of other years in the larger life beyond. Mrs. Thomas Lee, the widow of Dr. Thomas Lee, once an honored member of this body, passed to her reward during the present Conference year.

It is impossible for me to describe the varied and beautiful Christian industries in which the consecrated Methodist women of the Cincinnati District are engaged. I can not even name their numerous organizations and the official rosters of the same. These sisters will not, however, consider it an invidious discrimination if I refer to two of their sex. Miss Anna Cartwright, an evangelist, employed by the Charles Wesley Brotherhood, during the year held evangelistic meetings in five Churches and in a Gospel wagon. These meetings resulted in the conversion of five hundred. Miss Virginia Swormstedt, granddaughter of Leroy Swormstedt, one of the earliest agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, during the present year sailed under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to her far away field in Africa.

THINGS DONE.—There has been as a rule intense, continuous, faithful pastoral activity. In several instances, the number of visits made exceeds one thousand, and this pastoral work has been supplemented by the visitation of deaconesses, so that the territory legitimately belonging to each Church has been thoroughly canvassed. This has been done in no perfunctory manner, but for the real cure of souls. From other lips than those of my pastors have come tributes to their fidelity. Incidents might be cited where urgent need has been relieved out of the preacher's slender purse, where the reclamation of the wayward has been sought, the stranger has been welcomed, the desolate comforted, and occupation has been found for the unemployed. Often the service has been entirely without expectation of advantage accruing to the pastor personally or to the Church which he serves, but should it not be acknowledged as a definite and considerable contribution for the bettering of our common human life? What I have said of parish work, I can duplicate in reference to pulpit effort. The preachers of the District are men with a definite message

for the people of to-day, which they deliver in a manly way. They have been able to arrest attention, produce conviction, effect reformation. If I have at all idealized the case as a whole, I am morally certain that in a majority of instances this ideal is at least seen and sought.

My brethren have also cultivated the executive side of their manifold profession. They have presided over their societies with dignity. As good stewards, they have looked well to monetary interests, pushing the reduction of debt to a finish, and standing against its reaccumulation. They have sought the betterment of Church properties and their proper care. The report of the Conference Treasurer will indicate with what zeal they have presented the benevolences to their congregations. At this point, without invidious discrimination, I may refer to a few instances. I note the splendid and complete transformation of our Cincinnati Cathedral, St. Paul, at an expense of \$12,000. The location of this church in the angle of the street is singularly fortunate, as this massive pile is made thereby conspicuous the entire length of the thoroughfare. The building is of such form and material as to take gratefully any ornamentation given it. The undertaking has been skillfully financed by Dr. Blodgett so that no debt will accrue. The reopening will be one of the great events in the early part of the next Conference year. The enlargement of the Avondale church at a cost of \$10,000 was announced to you in my last report. The reconsecration of the splendid edifice by Bishop Bashford occurred early in the present year. The Rev. Marcellus B. Fuller has prudently undertaken to secure the permanent endowment of Trinity Church and has already secured \$9,000. Rev. J. Elbert Thomas, one of the most recent acquisitions to our Conference, is deserving of high praise for his service in the inception and completion of a suburban chapel in Linwood at a cost, including the lot, of \$7,000. This was dedicated by Bishop Moore June 12th. A duplicate of it has been erected in the West End by the City Missionary Society, and is to be known as State Avenue Church. It was dedicated by Bishop Spellmeyer. The First Church of Norwood is still in process of erection. It is being built of rough-face finish concrete blocks. The total estimated cost, including the ground, is \$18,400. It is believed the cost, considering material and labor, would have been \$25,000 but for the fact that the Rev. J. E. Beery has served personally as superintendent of construction. The building will probably be ready for dedication by Thanksgiving.

The unique plan by means of which a collegial relation of pastors is maintained upon the Cincinnati District has proven its excellence during another Conference year. It is coming to be known as the "Westwood Plan," from the place where it originated, but it is now spreading in other sections. The Quarterly Conference of Avondale Church, at a very largely attended session, unanimously requested the Presiding Elder to associate with the said Church the neighboring societies of Pleasant Ridge, Bond Hill, and Reading, generously guaranteeing the sum of five hundred dollars toward ministerial support for the half of the Conference year remaining. Under guarantee, Rev. George F. Barber has been employed and stationed at Reading, Rev. Oliver Hartman continuing to serve at Pleasant Ridge and Bond Hill. The success of the plan from a monetary point of view is evinced by the fact that where a few years ago, the estimated support amounted to a scant six hundred dollars, the Churches pledge for the ensuing Conference year the sum of eighteen hundred dollars. But this monetary phase, important as it is, can scarcely be mentioned in comparison with the spiritual inspiration which has come first to the small societies, and in a reflex manner upon Avondale itself. I can not possibly express my gratitude and high appreciation of the generosity of the Avondale Church and the co-operation of its pastor, Dr. Edmonds.

Probably the most unique Methodist meeting ever held in Cincinnati or vicinity occurred upon the Westwood Charge on the beautiful Harvest



Home grounds, Westwood, where many hundred people gathered from a radius of fifteen to twenty miles to enjoy a basket-meeting which included a Sabbath-school rally, a baptismal service for infants and adults, addresses by three Bishops, three Quarterly Conferences in concurrent session, and an evangelistic meeting led by Miss Cartwright. The day was so thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated in it that notice has been served upon me that it must be repeated. I can not speak in too high praise of the executive ability of the Rev. David G. Latshaw, my Deputy Presiding Elder, and the spirit of his associates, the Rev. Samuel A. Keen and the Rev. William L. Boicourt, the latter of whom for the past five months has served upon Section No. 3.

The "Westwood Plan" has also been adopted by Price Hill Church, where the Rev. Earl M. Ellsworth has fostered a little congregation in the country chapel of Shiloh, preaching there upon Sabbath afternoon, usually accompanied by some of his laymen who assist in the service. Inspired by this friendly aid, the chapel has been refitted at an expense of three hundred dollars.

In conclusion of this report I must pay my grateful tribute to my predecessors in this office, and to the great constituency of the District, lay and clerical, in earlier years. Of Silliman the younger, lecturing at Yale, on a certain occasion an admiring hearer said "He beats his father!" Silliman, the senior, overhearing the remark, said good-naturedly, "He ought to. He stands on my shoulders." Methodism in Cincinnati to-day stands on the shoulders of previous generations of ministers and laymen. To say that Methodism is rising here is not disparagement, but rather compliment to the past. That it is rising, witness the complete liquidation of mortgage indebtedness, the erection of more new churches and the most extensive betterment of others ever undertaken at any one time, substantial increase in ministerial support and in the aggregate of benevolence, the foundation of a new and great charity, "The Methodist Home for the Aged," and the enlargement of those already in existence, the thorough organization of the young life of the Church in the Epworth League, Senior and Junior, the aggressive work of the City Missionary Society, and the present admirable manning of the pulpits of the District.

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## DAYTON DISTRICT.

HEBER D. KETCHAM, Presiding Elder.

UPON the threshold of this report I would pause, and with bowed head record the death of our departed brother, Lyman E. Prentiss. Impulsive, passionate, kind-hearted, and genial, a cordial friend, an honorable foe, an earnest advocate, a pastor-evangelist, a persuader of men, at once fervid, fearless, and firm, he lived and died in loyal love for his Church and his God. An insidious disease had slowly encircled the outer posts of a well-fortressed frame, until, constitution-shattered, he died at an age when manhood should be strongest and mental vigor most firm.

One other ministerial home in our district has been stricken. The sweet child of three months, infant son of W. E. Hammaker, was taken the morning of July 30th. Over the gloom enshrouding the gash in the turf that received their sacred dead faith has flung its rainbow arch and reigns supreme.

It is with a pathos even painful that I would make brief record of Henry C. Hutchinson, who was transferred from the Dayton District two years ago. His only child died of consumption in the early fall. In the spring he slowly sank under the same dread disease. Yet every cliff around his Clermont County home became a sounding-board of praise.

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Besides these no itinerant home has been called to abide under the shadow of death, though some have watched with anguished fear the surging tides of threatening sorrow, till assurance and dread contended for weeks in uncertain mastery the crisis hours from midnight into noon. Yet the sun finally shone, and God was gracious. Some of our brethren have suffered even deeper sorrow.

In summing up the year the garner is laden, and the conflict proves wrought amidst the shouts of the workers. The province of a Presiding Elder's report may be of varying definition. Let us blaze our way. If the intent of militant Methodism is that the Presiding Eldership, our diocesan superintendency, supplementing our General Superintendency, shall of right administer the law in the local fields and be the active leadership of the campaign, then the whole range of vital Churchly issues would properly come within the province of a Conference report. Our field is the field of methods, commented upon through the facts and failures of the year.

1. True to this purpose we would first look at the major aim of the ministry, the question of our aggressive spirituality. The one supreme plea for Methodism's place in the world is its passionate, unceasing demand that men shall be pure in both heart and life. The anguish of the ages has wrought history into distorted forms, yet religion's epitome is found in the undying search for holiness. This final aim is the one test of a minister's power. The question is, How have we met it? Several of our charges reported gracious revivals, aggregating in all 1,033 reported conversions and reclamations. The largest gains were: Oxford, 40; Osborn, 50; St. Paul, 50; Broadway, 50; Raper, 56; Trinity, 64; Woodward Avenue, 105, where W. E. Verity is serving his first year in the Conference. At West Carrollton an equal number professed to find the new life in Christ. Here the pastor was assisted by Miss Cartwright a part of the time, as was also the pastor at Osborn by Miss Marshall. In each case the faith of the helper proved an abiding benediction in the Church.

Our brethren have helped each other in some cases. Some have secured special evangelists. Some have toiled till, fiber and feeling wearied, grace strained and strength gone, they have wept as Rachel in her sorrow, and then have turned in half discouragement to a doubt of the revival need. Others have also gone forth weeping, and returned bearing their sheaves with them. Our evangelistic problem is the chaotic one of the Conference. Wherein is our weakness? Are we confusing the fact of salvation with the method of its profession? Do we seek a sentiment, whose maudlin reaction is certain? God forbid! Some spurious specimens will always attend a religious awakening. It is equally true that the theological gun fired over the waters that brings the dead to the surface also bursts the shell on the deck of the contending iron-clad. Periodic awakenings are an absolute demand of human nature. One assuming, self-complimenting pulpit sinner, too wise to even learn of the Fathers, can destroy much good. Our itinerancy, where each chases every other in the round of the appointments, not knowing whom he will follow, necessitates a certain unity of method. Nor does Methodism intend to become Congregationalism, especially with what seems the purpose of the Church to return to the time-limit. It would be criminal folly to force men into a common mold, for that could only be the mold of the tomb. We want men of individual, independent character. We want every community developed in its own native ability for greatness. The unity of our work must lie in that anguish of heart for the souls of men that will burn and glow when ease would think it unpopular, and time-serving declare it a relic of the past. We plead the undying defense of our faith, attested by an inward witness and declared with a conviction that will startle the world. May Heaven help us to this!

2. We would raise a second inquiry as to our Bible-study, and the

training of the youth. This brings before us the Epworth League and the Sabbath-school. Under the presidency of Alex. Boxwell, our district held a successful rally at Camden last fall, and contemplates one of greater magnitude at Dayton in October. The need of a Junior League is being more and more realized. There is, however, scarcely a Junior League in the district maintained outside the towns, and only in a part of them. In St. Paul, Dayton; Oxford, and West Carrollton annual examinations are conducted before initiation into the regular League, and the Catechism taught. Other places have partial plans for the same. The Epworth Guard movement fell unceremoniously out of favor, while the Church stands helpless asking the Young Men's Christian Association or other local organization to do what Providence designed Methodism should do for our young people. The Methodist twigs are not being trained to the perpendicular form of upright, regular Methodists, but are allowed to leave out and lean toward the borrowed sunlight of other Churches. The Junior League very meagerly serves the intent of the Discipline in the instruction of our baptized children. The lack of systematic child-instruction is the weak point in our system.

The regular Epworth League can never compete with the Sunday-school in Bible-study, nor should it try. Nor is the department of Mercy and Help its best opportunity, for that should enlist the whole Church under the direction of the stewards. The true call to the League is to create a social center to solve the vexed amusement problem, to rescue the decaying testimony in Methodism, and to co-operate with the great missionary movement of the Church.

The Sunday-school is the greatest opportunity of Methodism next to the preaching itself. Some of our schools are large, as at Hamilton, with 650 members. Some in greater or less degree are graded. Some resort to the contest between sections in the school, such as the blues and the reds, the grays, the purples, to try to stimulate the attendance. The sorrow of this is, when the immediate gain is over, the after-result proves the blues always ahead. Artificial ways are sure to react. The true solution is found in attractive methods to interest the child nature, centering in the more careful study of the Word of God. The unbaked clay in our foundation is superficial Bible-study. So true is this that there is a growing feeling that expository sermons are uninteresting, and a formulation of Christian doctrine a relic of the past. Without falling into the fallacy of training a child *into* a converted state, but emphasizing the absolute need of child-conversion—that is, a conscious consent to the claims of faith—the call to Methodism is for the better training of our young people.

3. We would next call attention to our new enterprises and buildings. A new society of eighteen members has been formed at Mixersville, on the Walker and Union work, and a new society at New Lebanon, west of Dayton. Not since 1865, according to the knowledge of those present, had the Sacrament been administered in that village.

We are deeply in sympathy with the increasing problem of our country work, and feel that no men deserve our loyal help so much beside, as the devoted pastors in our country Churches. It takes equal ability with the best, yet yields small financial return. The General Conference was wise in the suggestion to create a sustentation fund to be distributed in the weaker places. It would be the herald of untold good.

In all combined, \$5,500 have this year been collected and expended in church improvements, with \$2,000 additional covered by subscription. Besides this, \$3,000 in all have been paid on old indebtedness at several places, especially Middletown, Osborn, Riverdale, and Fair Haven, besides the victory at Franklin, where Creighton Wones raised \$2,000 in good subscriptions to cover the debt.

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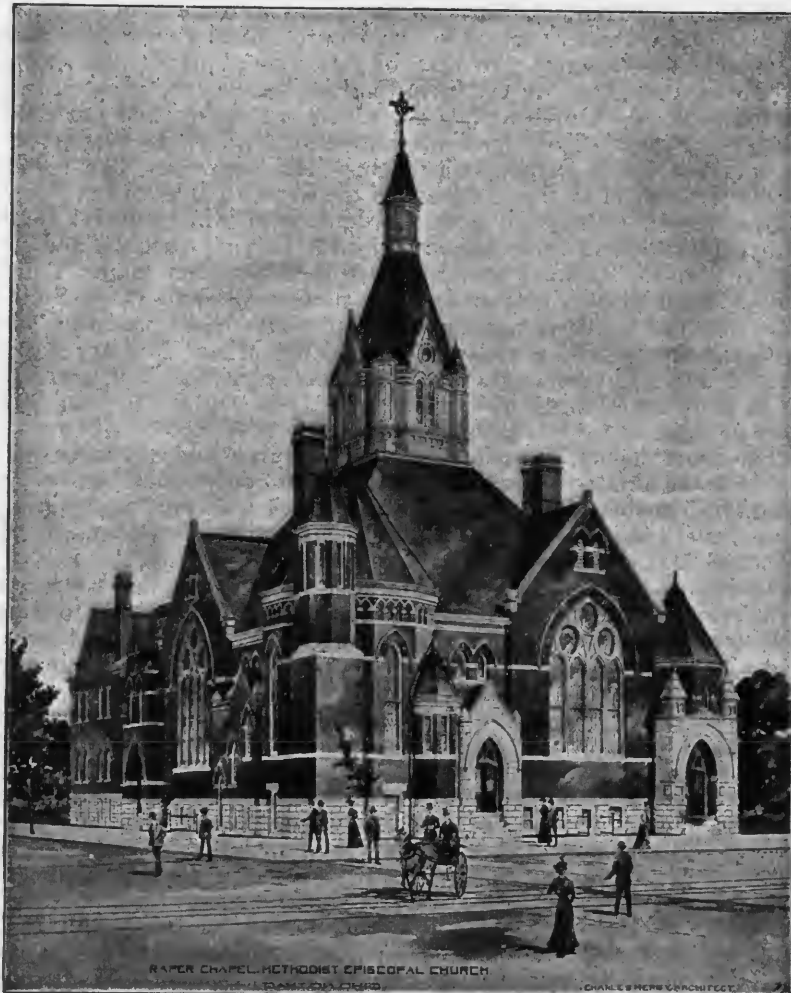
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succeeded. Our district has loyally contributed to the Anti-Saloon League, and given one of our most successful pastors, U. G. Humphrey, to its field work. Brookville voted "dry," and drove five saloons from the town. Lewisburg is getting ready for the vote. Oxford will again test the issue, and we believe this time will drive the demons out. Several incorporated townships have voted "dry," and not a single case within the bounds of the Dayton District has returned the saloons after banishing them. Where Dayton failed it was, with one exception, where the liquor element marked



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not expect to Christianize the world by amusing it, nor enter the institutional rôle, barring an occasional great center. Our traditional position discredits games of chance, billiard tables, bowling alleys, and modified theatricals in citizen's dress as means to salvation. In fact, any show tendency in Methodism is dubbed a sham. Life is serious and salvation real to every true Methodist. Granted! Then let the world hear the trumpet call in clarion tone that will wake the dead. No over-enthusiasm nor under-zeal can find apology before the world for the inconsistency of many carping pietists. Nothing but an active, sensible, readapted godliness, suited to the common sense of men, can ever keep among us the consecration of a Bethel, or make the Church an Israel rather than a Jacob. We believe next to the care of our young people, and properly directed Bible-study, the city evangelization problem is the greatest one of the Church at home. Our hospitals are centers of mercy, and our deaconesses angels of help. They have blessed with their sweet evangel every Church in the Dayton District where they have worked. The tenderest love of all Methodism circles the halo on the brow of this Order.

7. Our district is honored with classic "Miami" in beautiful Oxford. For eighty years it has been maintained with varying success, and never with nobler aim nor stronger president than at this present time. The new problem of our higher education is not whether we shall favor State instruction, but how shall we put Christian men into these places of power.

At Germantown a disastrous fire leveled the Miami Military Institute with the ground. But under the leadership of Colonel Brown, and by the cordial help of the citizens of Germantown, a new plant to cost \$30,000 will soon be built.

8. The ever-varying question of the measures and the men would alone crowd the limits of this report. We can only salute as we pass. Our multiplied appliances, centering in our Book Concern, are gaining in favor, no little credit for which in our own district is due to the good work done by D. Lee Aultman in its field agency.

Our ministry is becoming better educated, we trust not less consecrated, nor is the *personnel* of the Conference waning. We will venture to suggest that a better-understood definition of ministerial courtesy would enhance the good of our whole military system. Pastors have rights touching weddings, baptisms, funerals, and every other material recognition in the local Church which every other pastor is bound to respect. The laymen will be courteous if the ministers set the example. A like right pertains to all the associated offices of the Church. We proudly claim the spirit of Methodism to be the genius of democracy. Yet the existence of the itinerancy warrants the military courtesy of a carefully constructed army, nor is such inconsistent with the same. If in our world-limited Bishopric, our General Superintendency; if in our district-limited, diocesan Bishopric, the Presiding Eldership; if in our New Testament Bishopric, the pastorate, the utmost law of rightful courtesy shall be maintained, we believe Methodism is constructed to lead the moral armies of the Protestant world to ultimate victory. We are a brotherhood, and must stand together. Without this every Conference will prove a knell, and every hour add sorrow to the strenuous life of the itinerancy.

If courtesy and consecration, looking both manward and Godward, like the ancient Cherubim overarching the mercy-seat with wings touching and faces opposite, shall guard the altar, the g'ory of the Shekinah will forever abide with us. This will insure to the world an answer to the mighty missionary call of the Man of Nazareth, which is the greatest thought that has ever inspired the race or circled the destiny of men. Of this call we have not been unmindful, nor have our preachers walked unaided by the presence of the Son of God. He who girds himself for the conquest of the world is with us. Nor will His kingdom fail. May it come speedily!

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

V. F. BROWN, Presiding Elder.

BISHOP BASHFORD AND BRETHREN,—It is with sincere gratitude to God that I report to you the Hillsboro Division of this noble army, after another year of battle. The winter months were long, the storms severe, and travel difficult, but the division kept on the move, and we are thankful to note that some little advancement has been made against the forces of unrighteousness. True, no far-reaching campaign has been executed, yet a steady advance with well-directed fire on all sides has been maintained, and while many of the veterans in the ranks have fallen, new recruits have been enlisted, and the effective force of the division we trust is somewhat stronger than one year ago. Scarcely a Quarterly Conference, however, but that has lost one or more of its faithful ones during the year. The crown has been taken up as the cross has been laid down, but earth is richer because of their lives and labors. We miss them here; we believe they await our coming yonder, and we plan to meet them there.

Just as we were concluding the work for the year, when all arrangements had been made for the last charge, and orders had been sent down the line for a forward movement to a finish, without a moment's warning, the whole division was startled by the sudden decease of Brother R. K. Deem, which occurred at Sabina, Saturday morning, August 13th. Brother Deem was closing the best year of his pastorate there and one of the best in his entire ministry, and we can not yet realize that he gone from us, his departure was so sudden and unexpected. True, there had been a perceptible decrease in his vital forces in the past two years, so much so that he had about concluded to ask for a superannuated relation at this session, but no one expected so sudden a translation, and yet, this is just as he had wished it might be, for in a letter to me under date of June 13th, he said: "If I could be sure that the Lord would be good enough to me to early take me, I would not hesitate, but I dread the long superannuation." God gave him his desire, and called him from labor to reward. "Servant of God, well done."

Early in the Conference year a very successful Ministerial and Lay Association was held at Clarksville, at which plans and methods for a more aggressive evangelism throughout the district were discussed, which were afterwards more or less followed. True, we have not yet realized our desire in a deep, thorough permanent, general widespread evangelism throughout our bounds, resulting in such a quickening as brings multitudes to the Savior in genuine repentance for sin, deepens and enriches the lives and experiences of the whole Church membership; makes money matters easy and enables the stewards to meet all pastoral claims promptly and in full; pays one hundred cents on the dollar on all benevolent apportionments; restores the class-meeting to its former place of power and popularity; fills the prayer-meeting room in the middle of the week with a company of anxious worshipers; makes every Epworth League Chapter the power among the young people of the community it should be; compels faithfulness on all Sunday-school officers and teachers and regularity in the scholars; makes every official member of the Church feel that his part of the work is just as necessary to the success of the cause as the pastor's; begets a larger liberality in many places, so that the societies that are of necessity being abandoned because of this lack would be revived and saved to Methodism, and makes all people see and feel that the sacrificing and hardship should not all be left to the pastor and occupants of the parsonage. Perhaps we may *never* see this greatly to be desired condition come to pass, but we have planned and worked and prayed for it, and shall continue to do so, and if any one can tell us how to cer-

tainly bring this state of things to pass we shall look upon him as a true prophet indeed and deserving of canonization among the worthies. It is not a "get-rich-quick" scheme we are seeking, but a deep, permanent, working, self-sacrificing Christian life, which works as well with and applies as *definitely* to laymen as preachers, and warranted to last, no matter whether the weather be stormy or pleasant, whether the preacher in charge be Brother Old or Brother Young; Brother Prosy or Brother Eloquent, or the conditions in general be favorable or unfavorable. How sad the sight of an abandoned Methodist Church in the midst of a thickly populated territory; yes! but sadder far is it not to see a society presumably representing the people called Methodists, which means "Christianity in earnest," allow the Church to decay and services to go unattended because there is wanting a satisfactory working-spirit-filled life, which may be had for the asking and the using.

We are pleased to report that the pastors' salaries have been more



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promptly met than in former years, and this is to be encouraged, especially where the claim if paid in full is but a bare living.. If paid regularly and promptly less inconvenience will arise than if the claim be larger and carelessly looked after. We devoutly pray that the consciences of all Church officials may become very tender on these matters, until they will be as prompt in looking after the pastoral claims, as they would be if the pastors were indebted to them,—do as they would be done by.

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a very hotly contested fight, Xenia, by quite a decisive majority, against tremendous odds, remains in the dry list. Now, if we could have officers who would fulfil their sworn duties, and the courts treat the liquor cases as all others for fairness, so far as the people of the Hillsboro District are concerned we would have a strictly temperance territory. Not far from one hundred saloons have been voted out of the business within the bounds of the district since the Beal Law became operative. We very seriously deprecate the spirit of anarchy shown by the dealers in strong drink, and the disregard of solemn oaths by officials, high and low, but have no intention of abandoning the fight or showing the monster any quarter.

The pastors have labored faithfully along revival lines endeavoring to maintain the old-time aggressive evangelistic and revivalistic spirit of Methodism, and while few far-reaching revivals, with large ingatherings, have been reported, yet many have shared in the quickening imparted. Rainsboro Charge, under the pastorate of Brother A. J. Kestle, shared most largely in revival results, there having been between sixty and seventy souls converted during the winter. At Greenfield, a united effort of the Evangelical Churches resulted in a thorough awakening, and the addition of almost half a hundred to our Church, while the following charges to some degree, in some instances quite marked, shared in the blessed results: Bowersville, Dunkinsville, Highland, Hillsboro, Lynchburg, Leesburg, Martinsville, New Burlington, Mt. Orab, Peebles, Sabina, Sinking Spring, Sugar Tree Ridge, Wilmington, Winchester, Union, and Xenia, the aggregate number of conversions reported being above five hundred, and almost five thousand for the five years.

Last year was the banner year for Hillsboro District in the offerings of the people for Missions, the contributions having been the largest in the history of the district, leading the Conference in gains made from collections only; so saith the statistician in New York, and I assure you a faithful effort has been made all along the line not only to hold the excellent advance made in the past two years, but to make a positive gain. To this end subdistrict conventions were held in the interests of Missions at which most excellent services were rendered by Dr. W. N. Brewster, of China, and Dr. Geo. Heber Jones, of Korea. From partial returns from the charges, I fear we have met with a reverse in this matter. It is difficult to understand how or why, unless it has been a case of overloaded omnibus. We have protested against this mode of travel as unsafe and un-Methodistic, and can only pray for the speedy and irreparable breakdown of the omnibus. Men and women seek to satisfy conscience and the Master and the demands of the Church with a five dollar fare, who ought to pay five times that sum for a single trip, and *they* would be the richer for so doing. Down with the omnibus! Our earnest prayer is for an enlarged vision for Methodists, that they may behold the God-given opportunities before the Church in this day, and go up at once and possess the land. We want at least an average of one dollar per member for Missions annually from Hillsboro District Methodists for the salvation of the world. A handsome bequest of about \$1,000 for Missions will soon come into the Missionary Treasury from the estate of Brother Reed, of the Union Charge, for which we give thanks to God.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Epworth League was fittingly celebrated by a district meeting at Wilmington in June, which for deep spiritual earnestness surpasses all others we have attended. At this convention not only did the Seniors have their work, but the Juniors as well, sustaining their part of the program, under direction of Sister J. S. Pumphrey, most admirably. Thank God, there is a place in the work of the Church for the least to toil. We are hopeful of good results to the young life of the Church from this convention. The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, at New Vienna, is said to have been

the best for years in spiritual power and earnestness. The Woman's Home Missionary Society anniversary was likewise full of interest and life, and is doing a good work. All the various district organizations have vigorously pushed the work in hand, and while the results have not been all that we had hoped for on all lines, they are nevertheless far from discouraging.

We have continued, and we believe to the advantage of the work, by the aid of the pastors and charges, the publication of the *Hillsboro District Quarterly*, sending out once in three months to the homes within our bounds, about 2,000 copies.

It has been our aim in all our work on all lines to help believers to a richer, better Christian experience; backsliders to a speedy return to their Father's house, and sinners to a gracious forgiving Savior, believing that by as much as these results were attained by so much might we really be said to be advancing. We have sought for *permanency* rather than *parade*, and insisted upon a *whole-hearted* service, the *outgrowth* of a *deep, abiding conviction* of duty and right, rather than a *following* as the result of some peculiarly wrought-up emotion. Not that we object to the emotional in religion. No, we believe in it; but rather the permanent, abiding, the "always abounding in the work of the Lord." We give thanks for every victory. Our mistakes and shortcomings and failures humiliate us until we implore His forgiveness, and in His name and strength we press toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

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ALBERT N. SPAHR, Presiding Elder.

BISHOP BASHFORD AND BRETHREN OF THE CONFERENCE,—In 1889, when as the happy pastor of Trinity Church, Xenia, I had the great pleasure of providing for the entertainment of the Cincinnati Conference, for the second time in my ministry, Rev. Dr. J. W. Bashford, then just entering upon his great work as President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, visited our Conference for the first time. His address, upon being introduced to the Conference, charmed us all. An enthusiastic mother in our "Israel" was so delighted, she said to me, "I want to speak a word of encouragement to that young man." After fifteen years of eminently successful administration, as the President of our great university, "that young man" is now presiding over this Conference. I am sure, dear Bishop, that I only re-echo the feeling of my brethren when I say, "May God make your first Conference a rich benediction to us all, not only the promise, but the sure prophecy of many years of great usefulness as a Bishop in the Church of God." As our brother, representing our Conference, like our brothers, Bishop Walden and Bishop Joyce, we feel assured that you will never forget your ordination vows, but "will use the authority given you, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; showing yourself merciful for Christ's sake to poor and needy people and to all strangers destitute of help." The members of your cabinet in this your home Conference, will begin the great task of bringing you in touch and sympathy with a great host "of poor and needy people destitute of help."

The procession of these, beginning here, will not vanish from your vision, while you continue as a Bishop, to hold in your heart and hands the interests, the hopes and destiny in large measure, of the pastors and people of the Conferences of our beloved Methodism! Take courage, dear brother Bishop, in the assurance that the hearts and prayers of this Conference will follow you to the end of your holy and exalted ministry.



Through the abounding mercy and goodness of God I have been able to travel through my district as our Discipline demands, visiting my thirty-three pastoral charges four times during the year, missing one Quarterly Conference because the ice made the crossing of the Ohio River dangerous, if not impossible. The ice and sleet sometimes made it necessary for me to pass over "slippery places," whether I could stand upon them or not. A few times "I inched along" upon my hands and knees. Once, because of the lack of power on a traction line, I made a unique display in passing over several sections of trestle-work in this novel way, with my satchel in one hand and umbrella and hat in the other, while the fierce, cold wind played fantastic tricks with my not superabundant hair. But not once did I fall down, and helping my brethren a little in their revival services, preaching usually six times a week, sometimes more frequently, I passed in safety through the long winter's storms and toils, and at the end of the year's campaign, I am here as a monument of the loving care of the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." I have given attention to the business assigned to the Quarterly Conferences, have tried to promote the interests of our benevolent causes, and have made careful inquiry as to the instruction of the children; have sought to help and encourage the pastors in caring for the spiritual and temporal business of the Churches. As a rule the pastors "have labored faithfully in the Lord." Some have struggled on heroically in spite of small salaries, and the apparent indifference of the stewards and people as to their temporal necessities. To toil faithfully under the strain of financial embarrassment, which the stewards and people *could* remove, if *they would*, fearfully taxes the faith and love of *any pastor!*

Then worldliness, Sabbath desecration, lukewarmness, and an awful indifference as to spiritual and eternal verities, confront and appall the faithful heralds of the Gospel. A sense of loneliness, of utter discouragement, of failure, of the hopelessness of future efforts, may imperil our "Elijahs," but fed on "angels' food," divinely renewed and recommissioned, they hold on their way. The pastors on the Milford District are fighting a hard and long-continued fight, "not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against principalities and powers, against wicked spirits in high places." But as "the weapons of their warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God," "they see the victory from afar, by faith they bring it nigh." They hail with joy the action of the General Conference on "Aggressive Evangelism," and will hasten to join in the great forward movement which that action ought to inspire, and create in all the ranks of the millions "called Methodists." The year has not been without its victories. Nearly all the charges have had some measure of spiritual quickening and "refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

The following named charges have been most richly favored: Batavia, Goshen, Laurel, Lebanon, Maineville, Marathon, Bethel, Moscow, Mt. Washington, Manchester, New Richmond, Ripley, Williamsburg. Newtown leading all with 135 conversions and accessions; West Union following with fifty conversions. Here a glorious year has been enjoyed. The quickened spiritual life has been manifested in the prayer and class meetings; the large congregations, eager to hear the preaching of the Word of Life from Sabbath to Sabbath, and in the assembling of the people on Saturday, or Monday morning, to hear the Presiding Elder, as in the days of the fathers. The aggregate of conversions, as reported by the pastors, reaches, in round numbers, nearly six hundred, and of accessions to the Church on probation and by letter, over seven hundred. The work of paying debts and improving church buildings and parsonages continues. Aberdeen, Batavia, Bethel, Butlerville, Centenary, Decatur, Felicity, Georgetown, Mason, Milford, Mt. Washington, New Richmond, Owensville, all shared in this good work. Special mention should be



made of Newtown parsonage, in which Sister L. H. Hawkins put a splendid furnace; of Williamsburg Circuit, paying \$500 on the new church at Salem, and \$200 on repairing the church at Clover; of Feesburg Circuit paying \$700 on the new church at Harnersville; of Georgetown, raising \$600, this following \$1,400 raised last year. Here the church and parsonage add much to the beauty of this handsome town and gives splendid testimony to the successful ministry of the pastor; of Maineville, \$1,000 raised on improvements and building. The new church at Cozaddale is fast taking form; of Goshen, \$1,700 provided and expended in remodeling and beautifying the church. Brother Fulton has won signal success in this field, beginning with a gracious revival, and following this by adding another beautiful auditorium to the churches of this district.

The columns of the Western Christian Advocate, with the articles written by Dr. Gilbert, and the pictures of the church and pipe-organ, have told the story of Dr. Bailey's success at Ripley. Skillfully securing the promise of one-half the cost from Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the other half was soon in hand, and for \$1,500 a sweet-toned and beautiful instrument was soon in its place. The Church, adding \$2,050 to Mr. Carnegie's generous gift, the raised floor, the added work of painter and artist speedily prepared the way for the reception of the new incarnation of harmonious sounds, and now it would be difficult to find a more stately, churchly, or beautiful auditorium in this Conference. We pray that this splendid achievement may date the beginning of a new era of temporal and spiritual prosperity to Centenary Church. It is still a cherished hope of mine that Ripley, by and by, may once more invite and entertain the Cincinnati Conference. It has twice in the past, as I know by personal experience, performed splendidly this great ministry of love. The amount paid for building and improvements exceeds \$9,000.

Last year the Milford District contributed more largely to Missions than in any previous year. The pastors have earnestly sought to equal and, if possible, surpass the record of last year. The failure of the crops in some localities for three successive years has been discouraging. Not a few of the farmers have been compelled to buy grain to feed their stock. This fact alone has made me fearful of decreased contributions. But some of the pastors report an increase in the benevolences, the increase in some instances is very marked and encouraging. Bethel, Felicity, Feesburg, Georgetown, Maineville, Williamsburg Circuit, Owensville, Moscow report an increase. Milford, after sweeping in three years from \$713 to \$1,291, reports an increase of \$70 for Missions, and \$25 for Conference Claimants. Decatur reports forty per cent increase for Missions and other collections advanced. Laurel, twenty per cent increase; Lebanon advanced from \$300 given to Missions last year, to \$345 this year. South Lebanon, remarkable advance; West Union, collections nearly doubled; Mt. Washington, a like increase; Newtown, a great increase.

Brother Darling reports a special gift of \$100 by Brother D. A. Rees, of Williamsburg, to furnish a room in Christ's Hospital; also a special gift by Mrs. Ellen Ashton of \$25 to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The friends of Brother Spurrier, on Laurel Charge, gave him a handsome new buggy. Georgetown, Manchester, and New Richmond voted to increase the pastors' salaries. So we report some growth in the "grace of giving."

The annual meeting of the ministers was held at Georgetown in October. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Horn, and his people gave us a royal reception. It was an occasion of rare interest. The Epworth League Chapters held an intensely interesting and helpful convention, presided over by Brother George O. March, of Lebanon. Rev. J. D. Darling, of Williamsburg, and the hospitable people of that gem of a station, graciously welcomed and provided for the convention. The annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday-schools of Clermont County was delightfully

entertained by Rev. W. H. Spybey and his Church in Batavia. The charges left to be supplied gave me no little trouble. But in Rev. G. R. Frenger, transferred by Bishop Joyce from the Kentucky Conference, Mt. Washington was provided with a most acceptable and useful pastor. Williamsburg Circuit in the same way secured, in Rev. J. J. Giblin, a young man who has served efficiently as pastor of that charge. At Aberdeen, Rev. J. M. Bennett, a young local preacher, has made a fine record. Rev. H. E. Stevenson finally concluded to return to his profession, and sought to be released from pastoral relation to Montgomery Circuit. Unable to secure any one to take his place, he has continued to preach on the Sabbath, but has resumed his work as a lawyer. The story of Chilo and the different supplies I thought I had secured, would fill pages, and suggest a long homily on ministerial supply, and the great peril which threatens us in this direction. Almost in despair the people of this charge begged for the ministry of Sister Charlotte Boyer, of Ripley, whom they knew and loved, she having been recognized as a useful and successful evangelist by my predecessors on the district. Counseling with our resident Bishop as to how this could be done, their plea prevailed, and with a slight supervision given her by Rev. W. J. Baker (in the midst of his arduous and successful work as pastor at Felicity) and the Presiding Elder, she has accomplished the difficult and laborious task of ministering to the people as a traveling class-leader, visiting the homes and holding public services. Her success in uniting and building them up in the faith was so signal that the last Quarterly Conference, by unanimous vote, petitioned the powers that be, "that if at all possible, she may shepherd the Chilo Circuit another year." If I was not, as I am, a loyal Methodist preacher, pledged to uphold the teaching and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I would say with the light shining upon me from "The call to preach," as described in Paragraph 102 in our Discipline, that Sister Boyer possesses every "mark" of "one" called of God to preach. But as she is a woman, I only dare to pray that as the men fail us, the Holy Spirit may call enough of such traveling class-leaders as Sister Boyer to save our poor, neglected, and unmanned charges from perishing. If I err in this, not knowing the Discipline nor the power that interprets and can enforce it, I throw my helpless self upon the mercy of the Bishop presiding, and solemnly promise, "if *convinced of sin*, to bring forth fruits meet for repentance." But time fails me to speak in detail of the blessed camp-meeting at Epworth Heights, with its spiritual and uplifting messages of salvation, as held under the superintendency of Rev. E. S. Gaddis, or of the one held at Shiloh under the direction of Rev. W. S. Gray. Both were laden with benedictions for the preachers and the congregations. Under the Presidency of Mrs. E. T. Lane, of Moscow, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its annual meeting for the district at Newtown, and was pleasantly entertained by Rev. T. P. Walter and his people. The addresses were full of inspiration, well calculated to create and increase untiring zeal in missionary work. I failed to say at the proper place, that the unexpected vacancy at South Lebanon, created by the astonishing and sad departure of the pastor, was filled by Rev. H. W. Brown, a local preacher from the North Indiana Conference. Accepting a task of great delicacy and difficulty, Brother Brown has won his way into the hearts of a people disappointed and deceived again and again.

The shadow of death has fallen upon us. Rev. W. T. McMullen, once my honored colleague, for years laid aside, has "fallen asleep." The beloved wife of Brother Sentman has ceased from her invaluable ministries of love, as a helper to her husband in the home and in his fields of ministerial toil. She has joined the saints who rest from their labors. May God tenderly comfort and sustain our bereaved brother and his family. Brother Edward Cox, of Point Pleasant, a noble local preacher, has also been "crowned."

Our Brother J. L. Shively, of Lebanon, has had a year of peculiar and great trial. The sickness of a beloved daughter demanded her transfer to another climate. The mother going with her, for months the family has been divided and widely separated. He now feels impelled to separate himself from us, for a time at least, that the family may be reunited, and the precious life of the loved one saved. I grieve over his removal, and ask for him and his family your prevailing prayers. I owe a great debt of love and gratitude to the pastors and their families for their unfailing kindness; also to many in the different charges who have cheered and strengthened me by their words and deeds of kindly appreciation.

But I forbear. I have traveled more, prayed more, preached more frequently, than in any other year of my ministry. In a life abounding in bereavement and sorrow, grief has never shaken my soul more deeply than in the recent death of a son, and the loss of my dear mother in her ninety-third year. But I have never seen the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ more signally displayed, or enjoyed such blissful revelations of our Heavenly Father's love. If it is God's will, I will be glad to serve a little longer, hoping in the near future to see our united Methodism endued as never before with "power from on high," with "three millions" in the Missionary Treasury, marching forward with banners flying and songs of victory to the speedy conquest of the nations, thus hastening the glad day when "Christ Jesus shall reign from sea to sea and from the rivers unto the ends of the earth!"

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## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

C. W. BARNES, Presiding Elder.

I. CONFERENCE CHARITIES.—On this my sixth and closing report, I desire to commend to the laymen of our district two noble charities which have their homes within our Conference. The Home for the Aged, now being built upon College Hill, has its own peculiar and pathetic appeal. The original location at Yellow Springs brings this institution very near us. The removal of these aged saints is felt by the Yellow Springs Church as a distinct loss to the spiritual forces of the community. Follow this Home for the Aged to its new and beautiful location, and remember it in your gifts while living and benefactions when dying. Put your will into its interests, and its interests into your will, and rest assured of all human and divine approval. The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital sends forth a double ministry of spiritual and physical healing. During the year Miss Olive Marshall has rendered most efficient evangelistic services at Catawba, Addison, and St. Paul's, Springfield. St. Paul has invited her return for a second meeting. Central has also invited her to labor in that field, and it seems that Springfield is being divinely opened for a great evangelistic work under the leadership of this talented and consecrated deaconess. I would urge pastors and laymen to seek out devoted and efficient young women for this field of Christian service. The hospital has manifested its gift of healing in a blessed way, in which both laymen and ministers within our district have received the benefits of this house of mercy. Within the year our dear Brother John W. Mason spent a period of time in this palace of pain. Although a palace of pain, with its walls of silence, he found it filled with the angels of God. Since these lines were first written the angels of God have borne his spirit home. If I could have been in the funeral service at Springfield yesterday, I would have placed on his breast three flowers, a white rose, a symbol of his snow-white life; a red rose, a token of his loving heart;

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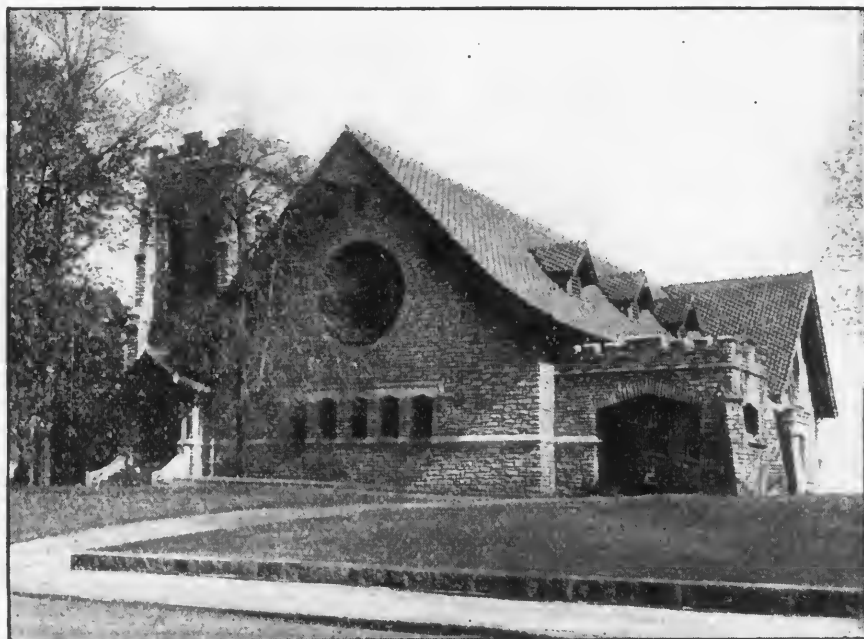
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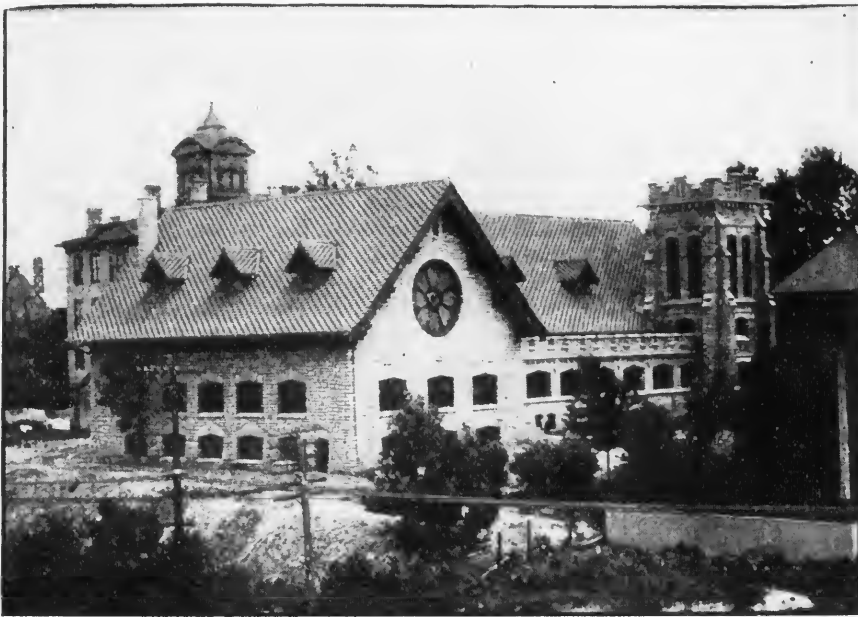
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IX. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—The patient, persistent pressing for the increase of the pastors' salaries has been rewarded by some encouraging results. The charges which have advanced this year are Grace, Piqua; Greene Street (Greene Street will make an additional advance next year), Covington, Cedarville, South Charleston, Brandt, King's Creek, New Moorefield (addition of Vienna), Grace, Springfield (addition of Brighton). This makes nine in all, for this year, and for the past three years, twenty-three out of the twenty-eight charges of the district, have advanced their pastoral support. It has also been my privilege and pleasure to assist my brethren in their advancement by appointments, as well as in the development of the charges. In the past five years sixteen of the men under my care have received advancement (in cash salary) as follows: Three, \$50 each; two, \$100; one, \$200; one \$300; one, \$350; and eight were advanced \$400 each.

[POST CONFERENCE NOTE.—This year adds: Four, \$50 each; one, \$100. In the past six years Springfield District has furnished the Conference four Presiding Elders—Drs. Ketcham, Brown, Spahr, and Dubois. While twenty-one ministers in all have received advancement, others are likewise worthy, and I commend them to the good offices of my successor.]

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XI. MINISTERS AND LAYMEN.—In closing I wish to express my appreciation of the many acts of kindness I have received from both ministers and laymen. In their homes I have been given cordial welcome, and the friendships thus formed will long be cherished. I AM GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS UPON THE PAST SIX YEARS.

XII. INVITATION.—There remains a final and pleasing duty. Springfield is a goodly city. Ten years of my ministerial life have been spent there. It has five Methodist Churches, and they have all joined officially with High Street in the invitation that the Cincinnati Conference shall hold its next session in the Champion City. The Conference is invited to meet in the new High Street Church, and Central, St. Paul, Clifton Avenue, and Grace unite in the entertainment and welcome. The coming session will mark one hundred years of Methodist history in the city of Springfield.



## B.

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## REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

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ANSWER, . . . . . \$11,950 00

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## RECEIPTS.

ANSWER.—From the Chartered Fund, . . . . . \$22 00  
 From Mears Bequest, . . . . . 100 00  
 From Matilda W. Kempton Bequest, . . . . . 296 65  
 From Book Concern Dividend, . . . . . 1,332 00  
 From Conference Trustees, . . . . . 2,300 00  
 From the Charges, . . . . . 5,900 80  
 Balance from last year, . . . . . 148 56

Total, . . . . . \$10,100 01

## DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
<b>MINISTERS.</b>				
Rev. J. T. Bail, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	\$400 00	\$332 00	Norwood, O.
Rev. J. G. Black, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. L. O. Deputy, . . . . .	S. O. Royal, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	Troy, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . . . . .	J. A. Easton, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee, . . . . .	T. G. Williams, . . . . .	300 00	290 50	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	Upper Sandusky, O.
Rev. H. A. M. Henderson, . . . . .	F. G. Mitchell, . . . . .	250 00	207 50	Hartwell, O.
Rev. J. W. Hickman, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	Rowland, Ala.
Rev. W. P. Jackson, . . . . .	G. W. Vorhis, . . . . .	100 00	83 00	Blanchester, O.
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Rev. C. H. Kalbfus, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	Yellow Springs, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	350 00	290 50	Toledo, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. E. McHugh, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. C. D. Munsey, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	Cleveland, Tenn.
Rev. J. S. Ruggles, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	Mutual, O.
Rev. W. H. Sutherland, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	400 00	332 00	Wyoming, O.
Rev. J. E. H. Sentman, . . . . .	Self, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Williamsburg, O.
Rev. Wm. M. West, . . . . .	A. D. Maddox, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Madisonville, O.
Rev. S. Weeks, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. L. F. Young, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	West Milton, O.
Total, . . . . .		\$6100 00	\$5882 00	
Funeral expenses of				
Mrs. Fidler, . . . . .	Net	50 00	50 00	
Mrs. Sentman, . . . . .	Net	50 00	50 00	
Rev. J. W. Mason, . . . . .	Net	50 00	50 00	
Stationery, Trunk, etc., . . . . .	Net	6 75	6 75	
Printing Minutes, . . . . .	Net	5 00	5 00	
			\$161 75	

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Sew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker, . . .	By mail, . . . . .	\$150 00	\$124 50	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop, . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	Franklin, Ky.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . .	C. L. Conger, . . . .	150 00	124 50	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan . . .	C. W. Horn, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	A. B. Austin, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	Greenville, O.
Mrs. Jesse R. Hall, . . .	A. D. Maddox, . . . .	200 00	166 00	Point Pleasant, O.
Mrs. Wm. Herr, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Dayton, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines, . . . .	J. D. Darling, . . . .	200 00	166 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. Chas. Kalbfus, . . .	C. H. Kalbfus, . . . .	100 00	83 00	Forstburg, Md.
Mrs. J. W. Keely, . . . .	C. M. Van Pelt, . . . .	50 00	41 50	Oxford, O.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	York, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk, . . . . .	O. L. Seward, . . . . .	100 00	83 00	St. Paris, O.
Mrs. J. F. Loyd, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	Highland, O.
Mrs. J. F. Marlay, . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	Dayton, O.
Mrs. J. W. Mason, . . . .	C. L. Conger, . . . . .	100 00	83 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. J. H. Middleton, . .	W. H. Werhly, . . . .	150 00	124 50	Greenfield, O.
Mrs. Henry Miller, . . . .	O. L. Utter, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. A. Musgrove . . . .	O. L. Seward, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . . .	W. E. Armacost, . . . .	200 00	166 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. I. C. Page, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Mechanicsburg, O.
Mrs. G. T. Perry, . . . . .	C. W. Briggs, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Lynchburg, O.
Mrs. Wm. Runyan, . . . .	M. LeSourd, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Milford, O.
Mrs. D. H. Sargent, . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. E. C. Smith and children, . . . . .	A. D. Maddox, . . . . .	300 00	249 00	Price Hill, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. Jas. Stephenson, . .	J. P. Porter, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. H. Stokes, . . . . .	By mail, . . . . .	150 00	124 50	Lambert's Pt., Va.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve, . .	G. W. Dubois, . . . . .	200 00	166 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. J. S. Whitney, . . .	By mail, . . . . .	50 00	41 50	Lebanon, O.
Mrs. Timothy Wones, . . .	C. L. Conger, . . . . .	100 00	83 00	Springfield, O.
Total, . . . . .		\$4,700 00		

J. R. HILL, *Chairman.*R. E. SMITH, *Secretary.*A. D. MADDOX, *Treasurer.*

G. P. AUSTIN,

J. F. LAIRD,

W. A. WIANT,

T. D. MOORE,

W. M. PATTON,

G. W. VORHIS.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

### ASSETS.

Stocks: 150 Shares, P. P. Mast & Co., . . . . .	\$15,000 00
119 Shares, Mast, Foos & Co.; . . . . .	11,900 00
30 Shares, Little Miami Railroad, . . . . .	1,500 00
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	\$28,400 00
Notes secured, . . . . .	11,295 00
Lot in Madisonville, . . . . .	70 00
Cash in bank, . . . . .	3,387 59
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Total, . . . . .	\$43,152 59

### LIABILITY.

Capital Account, . . . . .	\$43,152 59
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## RECEIPTS.

Bills payable—Temporary loan, . . . . .	\$500 00	
Bills receivable—Loans paid, . . . . .	1,137 00	
Interest received, . . . . .	1,811 29	
Collateral inheritance tax, P. P. Mast estate, refunded by State of Ohio, . . . . .	1,459 48	
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		\$4,907 77
Cash on hand September 1, 1903, . . . . .		1,133 52
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		\$6,041 29

## EXPENDITURES.

Bills receivable—Loans made, . . . . .	\$2,100 00	
Bills payable—Temporary loan paid, . . . . .	500 00	
Expenses, . . . . .	53 70	
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	\$2,653 70	
Cash in Fifth National Bank, Cincinnati, . . . . .	3,387 59	
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		\$6,041 29
Interest received as above, . . . . .	\$1,811 29	
Expenses paid as above, . . . . .	53 70	
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		\$1,757 59
Balance brought down, interest account, . . . . .	\$1,757 59	
Received since report made:		
Mast, Foos & Co. dividend, . . . . .	595 00	
Interest account, . . . . .	34 00	
Paid Treasurer Conference Stewards, . . . . .		\$2,300 00
Balance in bank, . . . . .		86 59
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	\$2,386 59	\$2,386 59

FRANK G. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

CINCINNATI, O., August 31, 1904.

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, *September 3, 1904.*REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE: CONFERENCE TRUSTEES,  
CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

We have very carefully and faithfully examined all the notes, deeds, mortgages, insurance policies, vouchers, and all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the treasurer, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books very carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in the Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. STORY,  
H. C. WEAKLEY,  
G. W. DUBOIS.  
*Committee.*

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER FOR 1904.

### RECEIPTS.

	CASH.	VOUCHER.	TOTAL.
For Missionary Society, . . . . .	\$17,659 00	\$6,401 00	\$24,060 00
For Church Extension Society, . . . .	1,585 00	606 00	2,191 00
For Sunday-school Union, . . . . .	271 00	106 00	377 00
For Tract Society, . . . . .	237 00	101 00	338 00
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, . . . . .	1,687 00	976 00	2,663 00
From "Public Educational" Collections, (for Ohio Wesleyan University) . . . .	349 00	322 00	671 00
For Sunday-school Children's Fund, . .	725 00	372 00	1,097 00
For American Bible Society, . . . . .	401 00	817 00	1,218 00
For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, . . . . .	98 00	14,326 00	14,424 00
For Woman's Home Missionary Society, . . . . .	13 00	9,827 00	9,840 00
Total Disciplinary collections, . . . .	\$23,025 00	\$33,854 00	\$56,879 00
For Christ Hospital, . . . . .	633 00	6,860 00	7,493 00
For General Conference Expenses . . .	167 00	543 00	710 00
For Conference Claimants, . . . . .	5,096 00	805 00	5,901 00
For Episcopal Fund, . . . . .	1,316 00	216 00	1,532 00
For "Other Benevolent Objects," . . .	329 00	15,271 00	15,600 00
From Fractional Dollars received, . . .	5 57	. . . .	5 57
Total of all collections, . . . . .	\$30,571 57	\$57,549 00	\$88,120 57

### DISBURSEMENTS OF CASH.

Paid Jennings & Graham, Publishing Agents, for the Missionary Society, Sunday-school Union, Tract Society, Freedmen's Aid, W. F. M. S., W. H. M. S., Episcopal Fund, and General Conference Expenses, as per amounts credited above, . . . . .	\$21,448 00
Paid A. B. Leonard for support of native missionary in China, . . . . .	30 00
Paid J. W. Bashford, for Ohio Wesleyan University, . . . . .	349 00
Paid Samuel Shaw for Church Extension, . . . . .	1,585 00
Paid W. F. Anderson, for Children's Fund, . . . . .	725 00
Paid John Pearson, for American Bible Society, . . . . .	401 00
Paid A. D. Maddox, for Conference Claimants, . . . . .	5,096 00
Paid W. A. Robinson, for Christ Hospital, . . . . .	633 00
Paid H. C. Weakley, for Home for the Aged, . . . . .	255 00
Paid Davis W. Clark for Cincinnati Missionary Society, . . . .	40 00
Paid E. J. Moore for Ohio Anti-Saloon League, . . . . .	4 00
Paid S. W. Bell toward expenses of Conference program, . . . .	5 57

Total disbursements, . . . . . \$30,571 57

Receipts and vouchers for the above amounts are in my hands.

CALVIN W. HORN, *Conference Treasurer.*

MIAMISBURG, O., September 5, 1904.

# STATISTICS No. 1.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - GEORGE M. HAMMELL, Station O, Cincinnati, O.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Pr-ers.	Deaths.	Adults Bap'd.	Ch. in Bap'd.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & Impr. Chrs. & Parsonages.	Present in-debtedness on Ch. Property.
<b>CINCINNATI DISTRICT.</b>															
Cincinnati: Asbury .....	25	205	1	5	10	21	1	23	175	1	\$8,000	1	\$2,000	\$166	
Avondale .....	4	242	1	1			1	25	170	1	40,000	1	11,000	5,000	
Christie .....	7	316		5	5	1	1	19	160	1	20,000	1	5,000		
Clifton .....		55			3		1	15	40	1	35,000			205	
Columbia .....		275		1	6	2	1	22	276	1	11,000	1	3,000		
Delta Ave. ....	15	171		2	18		1	23	150	1	12,000			136	
E. Pearl Street .....	4	52	1		3		1	8	85	1	8,000	1	2,000	565	
Fairmount .....	3	150		1	3	5	1	22	215	1	7,000	1	2,500	75	
Finley .....	20	115		2	2	2	1	12	88	1	10,000			100	
N'thside First Church.	6	305	3	1	2	6	1	40	250	1	30,500			625	\$912
Linwood and Mad. Av.	14	118		1	14	7	2	27	246	2	10,500			5,000	500
McKendree .....	29	277	1	3	10	6	1	22	172	1	16,000				
Mt. Auburn .....	9	217		1	2	1	1	18	152	1	35,000			100	
Mt. Lookout .....		169		3			1	15	100	1	5,000	1	3,500		
Price Hill .....	12	240	2	1	12	19	1	26	254	1	15,000			75	800
Riverside & C'p Wash.	6	184	1		4		2	35	350	2	8,000			280	400
St. Paul .....	10	705	2	11	38	42	1	31	425	1	125,000	1	20,000	10,500	1,800
Trinity .....	14	750	2	7	6	29	1	42	470	1	75,000	1	6,000	1,200	
Walnut Hills .....	12	514	2	9	6	2	1	35	297	1	60,000	1	15,000	234	
Wesley .....	70	510	2	22	25	5	1	31	270	1	90,000	1	10,000	186	
Westwood .....	26	479		1	12	26	7	71	590	7	59,300	1	8,000	405	
York Street .....	9	198	2	2	2	4	1	25	168	1	15,000			500	275
Addyston .....	36	120	1	8	10	25	1	12	150	1	3,500			150	100
Bond Hill & Ple's't Ridge	5	163		2	22	33	2	27	200	2	7,000			333	
Carthage & Elmwood Pl.	19	234		2	5	23	2	40	255	2	8,500			400	
Cleves & Harrison .....	1	250		4	8	16	2	32	265	2	10,000	2	2,400	240	200
Delhi .....	10	260	1	3	4	9	1	26	150	1	18,000			1,050	
Hartwell .....	4	248	1		2	1		26	235	1	12,000	1	2,500	300	
Lockland-Wyoming .....	2	321		5	4	5	1	24	200	1	25,000	1	6,000	150	
Madisonville .....	5	435	1	4	10	7	1	28	300	1	25,000	1	3,000	90	
Norwood: 1st Church .....	5	275	1	3	5		1	18	225	1	10,000			9,000	
Grace Church .....		215	1	2	1	2	1	19	22	1	5,500				
Reading .....	2	54		1	2	12	1	15	165	1	2,500				
Winton Place .....	36	142	1	2	9	1	1	21	145	1	15,000	1	10,000	45	
Totals .....	420	8964	28	115	268	314	45	875	7612	45	832,300	18	111900	37,110	4,695
<b>DAYTON DISTRICT.</b>															
Bethany .....	7	180		1			1	15	75	1	3,000	1	1,000	75	
Brookville & Pyrmont ..	3	153	1	2	8	2	2	25	110	2	4,200			100	
Camden & Somerville ..	12	315	1	3	8	2	2	31	225	2	9,000	1	2,000		
Centerville .....	18	400		9	5	3	2	30	180	2	8,000	1	1,000	91	
Dayton: Broadway .....	65	826	1	7	17	46	1	67	600	1	15,000	1	3,500		
Grace .....	9	780		5	4		1	27	375	1	60,000	1	12,000	12,175	
Homestead Avenue .....		40					1	15	75	1	5,500			115	2,416
Raper .....	43	871	1	16	36	12	1	52	500	1	70,000			31,500	
Riverdale .....	12	234		2	2		1	25	248	1	18,000			300	390
St. Paul .....	5	850	2	14	16	23	1	53	650	1	27,000	1	5,000	350	1,500
Trinity .....	57	358	3	5	10	33	1	37	350	1	15,000	1	3,000	50	100
Eaton .....	6	321	2	11	7	2	1	27	218	1	24,000	1	3,000	719	
Ebenezer & Woodw'd Av	28	270		3	19	31	2	40	290	2	4,700	1	1,500	255	
Fair Haven & Sugar Val.	5	239		3	7	25	2	26	145	2	5,500	1	3,000	2,450	
Fort Jefferson .....	15	193			5	4	5	51	354	4	6,000	1	700	35	
Franklin .....	11	345	1	4	16	1	18	180	1	20,000	1	4,000		200	1,800
Germanatown .....		150		2			1	17	110	1	2,500			25	
Gordon .....	6	171	1		1	9	3	55	350	4	8,900			717	100
Hamilton .....	7	724		16	20	11	1	53	550	1	35,000	1	10,000	250	
Lewisburg & W. Alexand.	5	296		4	1	8	2	30	290	2	7,000	1	1,200	45	
Miamisburg .....	18	332		7	3	7	1	35	322	1	37,000	1	5,000	6,800	6,000
Middletown .....	7	637	2	3	7	1	1	23	535	1	40,000	1	2,000	1,000	215
Monroe .....	15	164		2	43	7	2	18	135	2	9,500	1	2,000	150	100
New Paris .....	4	155		4			3	20	150	3	2,000	1	700		
Osborn .....	21	358	1	7	22	4	53	300	5	17,000	1	2,500	1,381	400	2,000
Oxford .....	12	444	1	7	1	13	1	27	250	1	20,000	1	3,500	1,051	1,451
Port Union and Glendale		200		1	3		4	35	200	4	12,000	1	2,500	100	50
Red Lion & Merrittstown	12	160			4	2	27	125	2	5,500	1	1,000	10		
Seven Mile .....	4	264		5	7	4	2	26	154	2	11,500	1	1,000	250	
Springboro and Lytle ..	19	259		6	5	16	2	29	270	2	3,200	1	2,000	100	

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Pr'ners...	Deaths...	Child'n Bap'd...	Adults Bap'd...	Schools...	Officers and Teachers...	Scholars...	Churches...	Probable Value...	Parsonages...	Probable Val...	P'd for build- & impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages...	P'd on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property...	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property...
Venice.....	14	361	...	4	3	23	5	66	240	5	\$9,900	1	\$800	\$550	...	...
Walker & Union.....	18	107	...	4	...	...	2	16	90	2	4,500	...	...	30	\$65	...
West Carrollton.....	6	254	...	4	10	20	1	16	200	1	1,900	1	2,500	...	200	\$1,200
West Chester.....	...	302	...	2	...	...	3	30	150	3	8,000	1	1,000	...	...	...
West Elkton.....	...	165	3	10	...	...	5	40	295	5	4,000	1	800	200	...	...
West Milton.....	12	200	...	4	...	...	4	56	210	5	5,000	1	400	21	21	49
Totals.....	368	11063	20	177	247	348	72	1211	9441	76	539,300	29	78,600	53,095	11,842	21,890
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast.....	3	440	...	5	...	...	6	50	300	6	9,000	1	1,200	...	...	...
Blanchester.....	18	310	2	6	4	1	1	24	270	1	10,000	1	1,600	20	463	1,350
Bowersville.....	14	230	2	5	1	11	3	35	200	4	8,000	1	600	...	...	75
Centerfield.....	8	25	...	...	...	...	1	9	60	1	800	...	...	...	...	...
Clarksville.....	3	190	...	...	...	...	4	39	300	4	5,000	1	2,000	...	...	...
Dunkinsville.....	3	150	1	4	...	8	3	32	100	3	2,400	...	...	35	50	...
Greenfield.....	42	1,085	...	15	1	30	1	41	771	1	70,000	1	6,500	62,000	...	8,000
Highland.....	10	389	2	3	3	12	3	51	310	3	9,000	1	3,000	1,000	...	...
Hillsboro.....	25	808	3	3	6	1	1	34	584	1	12,000	1	5,500	100	...	...
Jamestown.....	...	318	...	5	...	2	1	11	140	1	12,000	1	2,000	140	...	...
Leesburg.....	3	348	2	5	2	...	3	53	394	3	13,500	1	2,000	65	25	...
Lynchburg.....	8	516	1	13	1	14	4	55	280	4	7,000	1	2,000	...	...	...
Martinsville.....	...	300	1	16	4	7	5	29	210	5	7,500	1	600	...	75	...
Mount Orab.....	7	355	...	6	...	13	4	60	350	4	6,000	1	1,500	100	...	188
Mowrystown.....	...	175	...	...	1	...	4	32	200	4	3,500	...	...	...	...	...
New Burlington.....	34	525	2	3	1	8	4	62	362	4	7,100	1	1,500	1,503	...	...
New Jasper.....	10	310	...	5	...	...	3	36	200	3	7,500	1	1,800	...	...	...
New Vienna.....	3	300	...	2	...	...	3	38	235	3	11,000	1	2,500	275	...	...
Peebles.....	2	295	1	5	3	4	3	43	251	3	2,800	1	1,200	40	...	...
Rainsboro.....	13	445	...	10	...	24	4	65	425	4	8,000	1	1,000	50	...	...
Sabina.....	12	254	...	4	2	10	1	27	180	1	11,000	1	1,200	...	...	...
Sinking Springs.....	5	383	1	3	...	...	5	58	397	5	4,500	1	1,000	...	...	...
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	...	288	1	6	...	7	5	54	275	5	4,800	...	...	80	...	...
Union.....	19	363	...	5	4	22	5	72	300	5	5,800	1	2,000	200	...	...
Waynesville.....	7	287	...	9	...	...	2	26	200	2	6,000	1	2,000	...	...	...
Wilmington.....	3	295	1	5	2	8	1	22	200	1	15,000	1	3,000	45	...	...
Winchester-Seaman.....	1	314	1	1	...	...	2	30	240	2	11,500	1	1,000	...	...	...
Xenia: First Church.....	12	820	2	11	4	8	1	35	750	1	37,000	1	5,000	300	1,700	1,100
Trinity.....	8	300	...	4	3	...	1	23	180	1	20,000	1	5,000	400	...	...
Totals.....	268	10818	23	159	43	180	84	1146	8724	85	328,700	25	56,700	66,353	2,313	10,693
MILFORD DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen.....	...	412	...	...	...	...	4	44	264	4	5,300	1	800	...	...	...
Amelia.....	7	337	3	7	...	...	3	30	375	3	6,000	1	1,000	75	...	...
Batavia.....	9	256	...	2	1	...	1	17	200	1	15,000	1	1,500	...	...	...
Bethel.....	2	448	1	5	...	17	4	60	320	4	4,000	1	1,500	76	...	...
Butlerville.....	2	278	1	5	3	10	4	46	390	4	3,700	...	...	200	...	...
Centenary.....	2	219	1	7	...	2	5	42	175	6	6,500	...	...	40	...	...
Chilo.....	10	202	...	5	...	...	4	35	259	4	5,500	1	400	...	...	...
Decatur.....	3	350	1	4	7	6	5	70	400	5	6,000	1	1,200	251	...	...
Feesburg.....	8	278	1	5	...	4	5	36	240	5	5,000	1	800	1,700	...	...
Felicity.....	7	316	2	11	5	6	3	42	260	3	6,000	1	900	120	...	...
Georgetown.....	...	412	...	5	7	10	3	44	275	3	10,000	1	1,800	650	...	...
Goshen.....	25	225	1	...	2	...	3	45	225	3	6,000	1	2,000	1,700	...	...
Laurel.....	20	406	...	4	...	62	4	51	281	4	7,000	1	1,800	...	...	...
Lebanon.....	4	351	...	5	...	14	1	27	255	1	12,000	1	2,500	25	...	...
Loveland.....	5	158	1	1	5	...	1	20	170	1	6,000	...	...	...	...	...
Maineville.....	3	175	...	5	...	3	3	36	200	3	5,500	1	1,500	1,000	...	...
Manchester.....	...	310	1	6	1	14	3	42	240	3	6,500	1	1,500	...	...	...
Marathon.....	6	410	1	4	8	10	4	49	217	5	7,500	1	1,200	...	...	...
Mason.....	9	271	...	5	1	1	3	40	360	3	8,200	1	3,500	155	...	...
Milford.....	4	326	...	4	1	2	1	23	170	1	6,000	1	2,500	260	...	...
Montgomery.....	...	161	1	...	...	...	5	18	150	5	7,200	...	...	...	...	...
Morrow.....	10	150	...	3	...	...	1	20	125	1	3,500	1	1,500	50	...	...
Moscow.....	10	357	3	9	...	17	4	50	355	4	12,000	...	...	170	...	...
Mt. Washington.....	4	102	1	...	14	...	3	42	270	3	7,000	1	1,000	40	...	...
New Richmond.....	19	208	...	1	1	7	1	25	110	1	4,500	1	1,500	246	250	...
Newtown.....	10	279	...	5	5	41	4	35	225	4	8,000	1	2,000	225	...	...
Owensville.....	4	370	...	7	2	5	4	50	275	4	7,000	1	1,200	44	...	...
Ripley.....	11	266	...	4	15	1	1	16	200	1	40,000	1	3,000	2,770	...	500
South Lebanon.....	5	170	1	3	2	2	3	25	150	3	4,000	1	1,300	75	...	...
Summerside.....	17	262	...	8	2	10	4	55	260	4	8,000	1	2,000	200	...	...
West Union.....	4	466	1	2	...	22	3	47	340	3	4,600	1	1,500	100	...	...
Williamsburg.....	5	369	2	6	10	15	1	30	180	1	4,000	1	1,800	25	...	...
Williamsburg Circuit.....	6	331	1	7	2	2	5	43	225	5	7,000	...	...	750	500	500
Totals.....	291	9631	24	146	94	285	103	1255	8181	105	254,500	27	43,200	10,701	746	1,250



NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths.....	Adults Bap'd.	Child'n Bap'd.	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	& Imp'r. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd for build. on Ch. Property.	P'd on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property.
SPRINGFIELD DIST.																	
Arcanum.....	4	178	1	2	...	...	1	17	180	1	\$6,000	1	\$2,000	\$50	.....	.....	.....
Brandt.....	3	110	4	5	1	10	3	20	80	4	4,300	1	1,200	30	.....	.....	.....
Catawba.....	3	443	5	4	...	...	3	40	200	3	9,000	1	3,000	150	.....	.....	.....
Cedarville.....	2	290	5	9	3	...	2	30	170	2	5,000	1	2,500	94	63	\$125	...
Christiansburg.....	12	203	1	2	1	24	3	25	215	4	9,500	1	1,000	400	.....	.....	.....
Covington.....	25	124	1	1	1	1	1	18	102	1	3,000	1	2,000	110	.....	.....	.....
Dialton.....	5	305	1	4	2	14	3	58	290	3	7,600	1	1,250	235	.....	5	...
Greenville.....	4	390	1	5	2	4	1	33	273	1	27,000	1	5,500	2,000	150	2,500	...
King's Creek.....	12	150	1	3	1	9	4	40	260	1	4,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	...
Mechanicsburg.....	12	400	5	1	...	...	1	25	196	1	30,000	1	2,500	134	.....	375	...
Mutual.....	12	332	1	1	4	4	48	200	4	7,500	1	800	300	80	.....	.....	...
New Carlisle.....	5	241	1	5	2	2	1	28	230	1	4,000	1	1,000	50	.....	.....	...
New Moorefield.....	9	875	1	3	4	14	5	50	375	5	17,000	1	1,500	450	500	1,700	...
Piqua: Grace.....	8	418	4	12	4	1	1	29	229	1	6,000	1	3,500	315	.....	.....	...
Greene Street.....	9	610	1	6	10	12	1	34	300	1	30,000	1	9,000	1,546	.....	1,500	...
South Charleston.....	13	369	1	3	3	3	2	31	325	2	12,000	2	5,000	50	.....	.....	...
Springfield: Central.....	24	986	2	10	1	...	1	56	685	1	20,000	1	10,000	860	600	1,100	...
Clifton Ave.....	8	309	2	7	24	1	1	35	275	1	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	950	...
Grace.....	3	280	1	15	15	2	25	275	2	2,800	.....	.....	190	.....	.....	.....	...
High Street.....	3	559	1	1	13	6	1	29	250	1	70,000	1	10,000	20,000	.....	.....	...
St. Paul.....	45	361	5	3	12	1	1	40	200	1	40,000	1	2,000	150	200	4,000	...
Tippecanoe City.....	8	245	1	3	10	15	1	20	200	1	15,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Tremont City.....	6	503	1	9	1	43	5	55	458	5	24,000	1	1,200	775	.....	.....	...
Troy.....	2	551	6	4	7	1	1	25	325	1	60,000	1	7,000	600	4,670	.....	...
Troy Circuit.....	2	281	2	2	3	3	3	45	210	3	8,000	1	1,500	46	.....	.....	...
Urbana: First Church... Grace.....	6	620	1	3	5	3	1	25	325	1	40,000	1	4,500	100	7,200	800	...
Yellow Springs.....	10	500	1	7	5	1	1	24	253	1	25,000	1	4,000	388	.....	.....	...
	8	487	6	19	17	3	50	400	3	10,000	1	1,200	100	100	120	.....	...
Totals.....	248	11180	20	112	126	250	56	955	7481	56	500,200	26	84,150	28,523	9,493	17,845	...

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers.	Full Members	Local Pr'bers.	Deaths.....	Adults Bap'd.	Child'n Bap'd	Schools.....	Officers and Teachers....	Scholars.....	Churches.....	Probable Value .....	Parsonages...	Probable Val.	P'd for build. & Impr. Ch'rs & Parsonages	P'd on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property.
Cincinnati.....	420	8,964	28	115	268	314	45	875	7612	45	\$832,300	18	111,900	\$37,110	\$4,695	\$2,967
Dayton.....	368	11063	20	177	247	348	72	1211	9441	76	539,300	29	78,600	53,095	11,842	21,890
Hillsboro.....	268	10818	23	159	48	180	84	1146	8724	85	323,700	25	56,700	66,353	2,813	10,693
Milford.....	231	9631	24	146	94	285	103	1255	8181	105	254,500	27	43,200	10,701	746	1,250
Springfield.....	248	11130	20	112	126	250	56	955	7481	56	500,200	26	84,150	28,523	9,493	17,345
Totals, 1904.....	1535	51806	115	709	778	1377	360	5442	41489	367	2455000	125	374550	195782	29,089	54,645
Totals, 1903.....	1637	51552	104	665	693	911	360	5492	40480	364	2339300	125	351753	184247	49,447	81,451
Increase.....		54	11	44	85	466	...		959	3	115,700	...	22,797	61,535		
Decrease.....	102							50							20,358	26,806

# STATISTICS No. II.—RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, . . . . . GEO. M. HAMMELL, Station "O," Cincinnati, O.

1904

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools. . .	No. Officers and Teachers. . . . .	No. of Scholars of all Grades. . . .	Average Attendance. . . . .	No. of Members in Home Department. . . . .	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers. .	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept. who are Church Members or Probationers. . . . .	No. of Members of Sunday-school Converted during the Year. . . .	Current Expenses.
Cincinnati, . . . . .	45	875	7,612	5,032	394	739	3,013	661	\$5,614
Dayton, . . . . .	72	1,211	9,441	6,236	801	1,067	4,077	642	5,324
Hillsboro, . . . . .	84	1,146	8,724	5,348	370	1,099	5,388	361	3,350
Milford . . . . .	103	1,255	8,216	5,044	169	1,185	4,024	369	2,856
Springfield, . . . . .	56	955	7,481	4,784	634	938	4,872	471	3,534
Totals, 1904, . . . . .	360	5,442	41,474	26,444	2,368	5,028	21,374	2,504	\$20,678
Totals, 1903, . . . . .	360	5,492	40,480	22,073	1,911	4,915	16,123	1,856	18,982
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	994	4,371	457	113	5,251	648	\$1,696
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.					SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																											
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.								Deficiencies.	Amount Appor- tioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	REC'D FROM.	Other Sources.	Total.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	MISSIONS.				S. S. Union	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCA- TION. (a) Pub. Edu. Col	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.	Home for the Aged.	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Christ's Hospital.	Grand Total*.
		Salary	House Rent	Total	House Rent	Total																	Total	Total	(a) Church	(b) S. S.													
Cincinnati: Asbury..	C. C. Peale	\$1200		\$1200	\$1200			\$50	\$50	\$10	\$10	\$1260	\$35	\$35	\$597	\$95	\$108	\$82	\$190	\$25	\$2	\$2	\$25	\$5	\$5	\$28	\$27	\$59	\$15	\$10	\$187	\$625							
Avondale	E. P. Edmonds.	2000	\$750	2750	2000	\$750	2750	225	225	25	25	3000	300	300	2000	170	424	76	500	143	7	10	243	12	10	177	3534	526	1728	112	530	7857							
Christie	C. L. Myers.	1200		1200	1200		1200	72	72	10	10	1282	24	24	300	75	80	20	100	10	3	3	20	3	3	5	36	47	49		117	422							
Clifton	J. F. Chenoweth.	1200		1200	1200		1200	64	64	15	15	1279	34	34	321	23	85	15	100	10	6	6	20	11	5	105	200	92	56	17	52	725							
Columbia	F. C. English	900	300	1200	900	300	1200	45	45	8	8	1253	20	20	550	144	40	30	70	5	1	1	2	2	2	2	50		96	1	25	282							
Delta Avenue.	J. P. Ninde	800		800	825		825	16	16	2	2	878	14	14	186	95	50	11	61	4	2	2	2	2	3				1	12	10	4	128						
East Pearl Street.	[David W. Clark].	400		400	400		400	16	16	2	2	418	12	12	119	36	30	10	40										40				104						
Fairmount	F. M. Kirgan.	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	30	30	2	2	1072	10	10	165	85	10	16	26	2			2	1	1	1	32		19	5		2	108						
Finley	[W. W. Tranter].	700		700	700		700	24	24	5	5	729	12	12	535	100	20	5	25	5	5	3	5	5	1	5	5		5	2	5	10	102						
1st Church, Northside	A. L. Brokaw.	1200		1200	1200		1200	35	35	12	12	1247	15	15	399	160	25	15	40	5	5	2	6	5		3	69	56	44		8	18	285						
Linwood and Madi- son Avenue.	J. E. Thomas	900		900	900		900	30	30	5	3	933	14	14	225	155	22	44	66				6						62				151						
McKendree	J. C. Eckels.	1000		1000	922		922	78	40	4	2	964	3	3	160	120	10	30	40				6	1	1	6	1	2	18				137						
Mt. Auburn.	J. A. Geissinger	1500		1500	1500		1500	80	80	10	10	1590	55	55	950	80	165	60	225	15	10	3	35	5	10	20	448	288	300	22	30	321	1797						
Mt. Lookout.	G. M. Hammell.	1000	300	1300	1000	300	1300	80	80	14	14	1394	50	50	415	125	67	72	139	36	11	9	27	13	5	26	345	280	40	2	25	125	1147						
Price Hill.	E. M. Ellsworth.	1200		1200	1200		1200	74	74	15	15	1289	53	53	600	189	70	42	112	12	2	2	12	2	10	4	95	118	218		3	58	716						
Riverside & Camp Washington.	E. W. Serl.	1000		1000	970		970	30	30	10	2	1002	15	15	210	260		31	31				10			2	2	39	38	38	6			188					
St. Paul.	C. W. Blodgett	2000	1000	3000	2000	1000	3000	159	159	40	40	3199	110	110	2530	345	435	79	514	37	9	8	44	19		24	436	537	1150			160	3088						
Trinity	M. B. Fuller.	1800	600	2400	1800	600	2400	140	140	15	15	2555	90	90	2060	350	172	191	363	10	3	3	12			4	3	430	189	1267	12		528	2938					
Walnut Hills	J. B. Young.	2750	1000	3750	2750	1000	3750	280	280	40	40	4070	185	185	1648	227	530	500	1030	72	5	5	105	15	10	35	803	958	433	40	5	234	3975						
Wesley Chapel.	G. Roughton	1000	500	1500	1000	500	1500	141	141	20	20	1721	105	105	1080	109	747	283	1030	60	2	2	60	5	14	25	214	153	30		5	130	1855						
Westwood	D. G. Latshaw.	1400	600	2000	1400	600	2000	105	105	20	20	2125	335	335	1200	110	1123	59	1182	281	57	57	371	68	59	115	246		871	63		885	4610						
" Sec. 2	S. A. Keen.	800	220	1020	800	220	1020	20	20	11	11	1051	9	9	125	90	16	6	22	4	1	1	4	4									58						
" Sec. 3	W. L. Boicourt.	548		548	548		548	20	20	3	3	571	8	8	40	7	13	20	5	1	1	5			8	1		6		6			70						
York Street.	O. L. Utter.	1000		1000	1000		1000	40	40	10	5	1045	10	10	347	150	35	20	55	5	1	1	5			3	4	43	110		5		5	252					
Addyston.	J. S. Young.	800		800	800		800	20	20	2	2	322	5	5	80	40																30	37						
Bond Hill and Pleas- ant Ridge	L. O. Hartman	1000		1000	1000		1000	28	28	10	10	1038	30	30	276	134	50	36	86	10	3	2	10	10	12	10	22	5	62	7	10	15	304						
Carthage and Elm- wood Place	S. G. Pollard.	900		900	900		900	35	35	2	2	937	5	5	300	135	20		20	1	1	1	1	1	2	12	61		15	6		8	136						
Cleves and Harrison.	T. D. Moore.	950		950	950		950	53	53	1	1	1004	2	2	390	110	4	14	18				2			2	3	3	1		1	2	144						
Delhi.	J. R. Colley.	1300		1300	1300		1300	75	75	10	10	1385	70	70	406	126	55	75	130	9	2	2	5			3	5	99	32	137		5	28	537					
Hartwell	F. G. Mitchell.	1326	200	1526	1326	200	1526	78	78	18	18	1622	53	53	327	205	50	100	150	1	3	10				17	15	185	270	107	12	15	323	1179					
Lockland—Wyoming	W. L. Y. Davis.	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000	113	113	20	20	2133	170	170	1300	475	723	77	800	147	2	2	170	25	5	54	633	170	292	25	100	460	3075						
Madisonville	S. O. Royal.	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	125	125	15	15	1840	125	125	800	163	204	150	354	39	5	5	45	12		5	26	498	179	26	4	39	397	1774					
Norwood: 1st Church	J. E. Beery.	1400		1400	1400		1400	60	60	12	12	1442	5	5	250	90	27		27						3		107						154						
Grace Church	A. K. Stabler	1500		1500	1500		1500	65	65	12	12	1577	40	40	270	150	46	59	105	15	1	1	15	3		1	112	155	135	5	5	23	628						
Reading	G. F. Barber.	416		416	416		416					416			125	73				2	1	1	3	2		1	15		5			30							
Winton Place.	E. Birdsall.	800	300	1100	800	300	1100	50	50	8	8	1158	40	40	358	203	15	45	60	12	2	2	12	4	3	6	11	60	81	13	86	15	415						
Totals		41090	6810	47900	41067	6810	47877	23	2542	2512	418	407	50796	2063	2063	19044	5227	5465	2266	7731	993	154	145	1295	232	205	701	8885	4303	7474	251	491	4698	40028					

\* Including Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund.

# STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—DAYTON DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.														Grand Total* .....								
		CLAIMS.		RECEIPTS.		Deficiencies.....	REC'D FROM.						Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	MISSIONS.	Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union .....	Tract Society.....	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCA- TION.	American Bible Soc.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....	Home for the Aged. Gen'l Conf. Expense		Christ's Hospital.....							
		Salary .....	House Rent.....	Salary .....	House Rent.....																								Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	(a) Church.....	(b) S. S.....	(a) Child's Fund [a] Pub. Edu. Col
Bethany .....	J. H. Lease.....	\$650	\$75	\$725	\$650	\$75	\$725		\$48	\$48	\$6	\$5	\$776	\$8	\$5	\$100	\$55	\$38	\$10	\$48	\$5	\$1	\$1	\$5	\$3	\$1	\$25	\$1	\$38	\$141					
Brookville and Pyrmont .....	[C. S. Grauser].....	300		300	300		300		22	22	4	2	324	2		91	25	21	4	25	2		1	1	3	1				45					
Camden & Somerville .....	S. B. Timmons.....	600	100	700	600	100	700		53	53	5	5	758	7		275	100	61	15	76	4	3	3	3	7	3	43			231					
Centerville .....	J. A. White.....	800	150	950	800	150	950		71	71	10	10	1031	65		225	76	100	73	173	15	3	3	13	10	4	15			342					
Dayton: Broadway .....	C. W. Elliott .....	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300		97	97	15	15	1412	54		54	732	405	229	102	331	30	4	3	30	19	6	117	\$166	11	1158				
Grace .....	H. C. Jameson .....	2500	720	3220	2500	720	3220		225	225	39	39	3484	200		2047	284	304	496	800	110	5	5	110	10	20	25	272	555	800	562	3513			
Homestead Ave.....	[J. M. Roberts].....	345		345	345		345						345			120	35														10				
Raper .....	J. J. McCabe.....	1500	360	1860	1500	360	1860		135	135	23	23	2018	50		50	1600	225	40	200	240	5	4	1	5	5	5	5	270	255	225	5	1098		
Riverdale .....	W. E. Hammaker .....	950		950	950		950		71	71	10	5	1026	34		34	563	101	48	12	60	4	1	1	4	3	5	6	48	9		184			
St. Paul.....	J. G. Vaughan.....	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900		135	135	20	20	2055	80		80	1000	350	300	150	450	40	5	5	30	183	10	5	241	396	1020	15	2500		
Trinity .....	O. M. Sellers .....	800	200	1000	800	200	1000		75	75	5	5	1073	25		25	300	155	35	10	45	5	2	2	6	2	18	4	2	102	5	28			
Eaton .....	W. A. Wiant.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		90	90	15	15	1305	42		42	579	100	195	20	215	13	3	2	14	7	7	64	133	26	10	6	564		
Ebenezer and Wood- ward Ave.....	W. E. Verity .....	550	150	700	550	150	700		48	48	8	8	751	15		15	146	164	50	17	67	5	1	1	10	4	6	1		84	3		200		
Fairhaven and Sugar Valley .....	C. L. Chapman.....	600	50	650	618	50	668	Ex 18	48	48	9	9	725	48		48	160	50	97	16	113	20	7	2	20	2	9	5				2	45	282	
Fort Jefferson.....	[D. S. Ferguson].....	600	50	650	569	50	619	31	48	44	8	6	669	30		30	145	125	71	9	80	9	1	1	8	1	10	3	9		6		1	165	
Franklin .....	C. Wones .....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		86	86	12	12	1248	30		30	250	70	42	43	85	10	2	2	54		5	5	43	35		12		15	710
Germantown.....	[D. Matthews].....	465		465	465		465		37	37	7	5	507	15		15	125	100	20	20	40					4							9	78	
Gordon .....	C. L. Gowdy .....	575		575	575		575		45	45	8	5	625	16		16	211	116	66	34	100	9	1	1	8			3				17		160	
Hamilton .....	C. E. Schenk .....	2400	360	2760	2400	360	2760		175	175	20	20	2955	50		50	1300	310	305	95	400	20	8	2	20	5	10	10	186	194	342		40		1307
Lewisburg and West Alexandria .....	J. P. Gilliland .....	800	75	875	750	75	825	50	65	65	8	8	898	43		43	225	227	68	7	75	16	2	2	17	12		7				4	10	3	302
Miamisburg .....	S. W. Bell.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400		105	105	16	16	1521	90		90	568	200	175	75	250	20	4	4	20	15	25	15	63	51	68		30		671
Middletown .....	U. G. Humphrey .....	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350		120	120	15	15	1485	48		48	435	393	75	25	100	19	1	2	19			6	222	50	54		56		592
Monroe .....	J. A. Jenkinson.....	775	115	890	775	115	890		60	60	9	9	950	10		10	140	55	17	13	30	2	1			2	1	4	2		29	35	4		129
New Paris.....	[A. B. Shaw].....	450	50	500	410	50	460	40	35	35	7	1	496	4		4	30	30		10	10					1	1					18		35	
Osborn .....	F. Leevee.....	700	110	810	733	110	843	Ex 33	60	60	11	11	914	10		10	227	150	26	8	34	2	1	1	2	1	7	1	39			2	134		245
Oxford .....	C. M. Van Pelt.....	1400	240	1640	1400	240	1640		129	129	16	16	1785	45		45	690	172	153	47	200	15	2	2	10		15	22	155	143	30			55	710
Port Union and Glendale .....	R. E. Smith.....	800	125	925	770	125	895	30	69	65	8	2	962	15		15	250	200	10	5	15	3	1	1	2		4	1					20		64
Red Lion and Morristown .....	W. D. English.....	650	75	725	650	75	725		44	44	8	8	777			200	40	15		15	3	1	1	3			1				3	1		36	
Seven Mile .....	O. P. Hoffman.....	700	100	800	735	100	835	Ex 35	60	60	10	10	905	56		56	127	105	102	18	120	24	2	2	25	5	8	10	13		26	6		10	317
Springboro .....	J. W. Patton.....	600	75	675	600	75	675		49	49	10	10	734	10		10	136	76	55	25	80	1	1	1	18	1	4	1		31	64			222	
Venice .....	O. D. Becker .....	700	75	775	700	75	775		60	60	5	5	840	13		13	181	159	45	5	50	8	1	1	11		6	1				2			98
Walker and Union.....	J. J. Hawk .....	500		500	528		528	Ex 28	37	37			505			75	32	8	4	12						4						11		27	
West Carrollton .....	John W. Gaddis.....	900	200	1100	900	200	1100		82	82	10	10	1192	40		40	230	150	60	30	90	10	1	1	10	2	2	2	105	12		4		289	
West Chester.....	J. F. McCollm.....	650	100	750	722	100	822	Ex 72	56	56	9	9	887	2		2	125	50	13	12	25	1	1	1	2	1	1	1			7			51	
West Elkton.....	[B. Silkwood].....	326	60	386	290	60	350		36	34	3	3	385	1		1	80	50		10	10	1	1			1	1						18		
West Milton.....	F. J. Reinbarth .....	538	84	622	520	84	604		56	56	5	4	664	4		4	170	100	15	5	20	1	1	1	2	2	5	3	1	1		4	4	7	60
Totals .....		31224	4899	36123	31215	4899	36114	19	2630	2613	374	339	39066	1162		1162	14468	5035	2859	1625	4484	432	72	56	486	269	231	165	1883	2319	3090	103	109	1200	16405

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# STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																					
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	REC'D FROM.  Collections.....	Other Sources.	Total.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	Church : Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union.....	Tract Society.....	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society	EDUCA TION.	American Bible Soc..	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....	Home for the Aged..	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Christ's Hospital.....	Grand Total.* .....
		Salary	House Rent.....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent.....	Total.....												(a) Pub. Edu. Col	(b) Child's Fund	(c) S. S.....													
																										(a) Church.....								
Belfast	D. W. C. Washburn ...	\$600	\$100	\$700	\$562	\$100	\$662	\$38	\$46	\$8	\$7	\$715	\$5	\$30	\$5	\$150	\$50	\$25	\$1	\$26	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$4	\$3	\$29	\$80	\$3	\$8	\$30	\$300			
Blanchester	Geo. W. Vorhis...	750	100	850	750	100	850	52	52	9	9	911	30	261	118	75	90	165	10	15	10	15	3	\$29	70	9	\$5	15	165	360				
Bowersville	Thos. Cundy	650	75	725	625	75	700	25	51	8	7	758	10	125	60	61	17	78	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	165			
Centerfield	John H. Davis.....	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	5	5	20	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	12			
Clarksville	J. H. McNary	700	100	800	610	100	710	90	51	40	8	8	14	150	100	18	30	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	63			
Dunkinsville	Bert. E. Smith.....	338	338	338	338	338	338	28	28	4	4	370	1	50	25	38	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45			
Greenfield	W. H. Wehrly.....	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	120	120	20	20	1880	114	650	353	200	200	400	20	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1442			
Highland	J. R. Hill.....	750	200	950	750	200	950	61	61	11	11	1022	50	220	90	201	50	251	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	500			
Hillsboro	W. A. Deaton.....	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	151	151	15	15	1966	75	553	171	225	225	450	25	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1354			
Jamestown	J. P. Porter.....	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	75	75	12	12	1107	79	335	85	167	103	270	30	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	761			
Leesburg	G. S. Easton.....	750	150	900	750	150	900	66	66	11	11	977	37	325	110	160	32	192	18	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	566			
Lynchburg	C. W. Briggs.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	64	64	11	11	1025	25	250	145	75	35	110	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	259			
Martinsville	C. J. Kelch.....	545	75	620	484	75	559	61	49	45	4	2	606	2	75	110	21	21	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	98			
Mount Orab	T. G. Williams.....	650	150	800	600	150	750	50	53	53	7	7	810	5	150	90	21	4	25	5	1	1	5	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	71			
Mowrystown	[J. Naylor].	352	352	704	352	352	704	18	18	7	7	182	20	1	21	20	1	21	22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	26			
New Burlington	G. H. Smith.....	800	100	900	800	100	900	66	66	12	12	978	64	220	160	240	10	250	22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	466		
New Jasper	Henry Hershey ..	700	100	800	700	100	800	60	60	11	11	865	10	175	60	75	75	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	105			
New Vienna	Andrew Hamilton	750	150	900	750	150	900	60	60	11	11	971	55	225	100	100	15	115	4	1	1	2	1	5	2	111	178	7	7	70	570			
Peebles	J. Phillips.....	615	100	715	605	100	705	10	60	60	9	6	771	33	125	74	53	9	65	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	174			
Rainsboro	A. J. Kestle.....	650	50	700	650	50	700	53	53	8	8	761	35	135	147	113	20	133	7	2	1	7	2	6	2	7	7	7	7	7	210			
Sabina	R. K. Deem.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	65	65	12	12	927	30	180	68	128	47	175	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	374			
Sinking Spring	J. M. Bailey.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	45	45	5	5	600	3	162	83	40	20	60	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	86			
Sugar Tree Ridge	[T. M. Scarff] .....	500	500	1000	474	526	1000	26	45	42	7	6	522	20	125	80	75	17	92	10	2	2	10	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	161			
Union	W. M. Patton.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	68	68	11	11	1029	60	215	175	175	50	225	25	2	2	2	25	15	3	71	10	10	10	4	453			
Waynesville	W. M. Coffman .....	800	150	950	800	150	950	67	67	5	5	1022	19	150	60	55	20	75	12	1	1	12	1	1	29	9	9	9	9	10	175			
Wilmington	J. S. Pumphrey...	1100	108	1208	1100	108	1208	88	88	14	14	1370	60	447	175	250	50	300	12	1	1	12	10	3	70	34	34	34	34	72	555			
Winchester—Seaman	J. A. Easton.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	53	53	10	5	858	5	125	96	30	10	40	4	1	1	4	2	1	17	34	34	34	34	53	107			
Xenia: First Church	A. C. Turrell.....	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	127	127	24	24	1951	70	1250	325	325	150	475	25	4	3	30	4	10	153	60	525	5	7	1390				
Trinity	R. H. Rust.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	100	100	20	20	1620	50	400	150	50	200	10	3	3	3	20	10	10	5	114	171	85	10	711				
Totals		22160	3628	25788	21683	3628	25811	477	1842	1813	287	209	966	7268	3124	3124	1288	4362	278	48	45	304	51	197	87	1306	832	1644	112	288	610	11398		

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# STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.—MILFORD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOP	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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Aberdeen.....	C. T. Crum.....	\$625	\$100	\$725	\$625	\$100	\$725		\$60	\$60	\$5	\$5	\$790	\$8		\$8	\$205	\$130	\$33	\$22	\$55																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									

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# RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS. STATISTICS Nos. III AND IV.

NAME OF DISTRICTS	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT PRESID. ELDERS.	SUPP'T OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																			
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned		REC'D FROM.	Total.....	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.....	MISSIONS.	Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union .....	Freedmen's Aid and South. Edu. Society Tract Society.....	EDUCA TION.	American Bible Soc..	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevo- lent Collections.....	Gen'l Conf. Expense	Home for the Aged..	Christ's Hospital.....	Grand Total* .....			
	Salary .....	House Rent.....	Total.....	Salary .....	House Rent.....	Total.....																											
Cincinnati .....	41090	6810	47900	41067	6810	47877	23	2542	2512	418	407	50796	2063	19644	5227	5465	2266	7731	993	154	145	1295	232	205	701	8885	4303	7474	251	491	4698	40028	
Dayton .....	31224	4890	36123	31215	4899	36114	19	2630	2613	374	339	39066	1162	1162	14468	5085	2859	1625	4484	432	72	56	486	269	231	165	1883	2319	3090	108	109	1200	16405
Hillsboro .....	22160	3628	25788	21683	3628	25311	477	1842	1813	287	268	27392	966	7268	3124	3124	1238	4362	278	48	45	304	51	197	87	1306	832	1644	112	288	610	11398	
Milford .....	19069	2665	21734	18708	2665	21373	361	1602	1565	211	210	23148	559	5502	2500	1763	731	2494	190	40	36	257	66	201	76	574	457	541	96	86	576	6459	
Springfield .....	25302	4970	30272	25258	4970	30228	44	2000	1998	367	338	32564	1123	1123	10438	3182	3169	1840	5009	281	66	62	311	52	263	348	1818	1621	1781	132	263	522	18990
Totals, 1904.....	138845	22972	161817	137931	22972	160903	.....	10616	10501	1637	1562	172966	5873	57320	19368	16380	7700	24080	2174	380	344	2653	670	1097	1377	14466	9532	14530	699	1137	7006	88280	
Totals, 1903.....	135655	22558	158213	136014	22508	158522	.....	10431	10237	1631	1522	170299	6012	6012	57074	19083	17997	7981	25978	2303	381	338	3170	653	1137	1538	17309	10301	.....	563	9074	7343	13521
Increase .....	3190	414	3604	1917	474	2381	.....	185	264	6	40	2667	.....	.....	246	285	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	363	.....
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\* Including Conference Claimants and Episcopal Fund.

## CIRCUIT SALARY REPORT.

N. B.—The name of the charge is in SMALL CAPS, and the sums opposite each appointment indicate the amount apportioned and paid on pastor's salary only, *not* including claims of Presiding Elder and Bishop.

APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid .....	APPOINTMENTS.	Apportioned.	Paid .....
<b>CINCINNATI DISTRICT.</b>			<b>DAYTON—Continued.</b>		
BOND HILL AND PLEASANT RIDGE:			LEWISBURG AND WEST ALEXANDRIA:		
Bond Hill, . . . . .	\$500		Lewisburg, . . . . .	\$400	\$400
Pleasant Ridge, . . . . .		500	West Alexandria, . . . . .	400	350
CARTHAGE AND ELMWOOD PLACE:			MONROE, . . . . .	700	700
Carthage, . . . . .	\$450	450	Amanda, . . . . .	75	75
Elmwood Place, . . . . .	450	450	NEW PARIS, . . . . .	250	251
CLEVES AND HARRISON:			Gettysburg, . . . . .	200	160
Cleves, . . . . .	500	500	New Hope, . . . . .		45
Harrison, . . . . .	450	450	OSBORN, . . . . .	363	425
LINWOOD & MADISON AVE.:			Donnelsville, . . . . .	177	148
Linwood, . . . . .	450	450	Enon, . . . . .	135	135
Madison Avenue, . . . . .	450	450	Medway, . . . . .	135	135
RIVERSIDE AND CAMP WASHINGTON:			PORT UNION AND GLENDALE:		
Riverside, . . . . .	500	470	Port Union, . . . . .	350	350
Camp Washington, . . . . .	500	500	Glendale, . . . . .	200	170
<b>DAYTON DISTRICT.</b>			Valley Chapel, . . . . .	150	150
BRANDT, . . . . .	\$150	\$150	Princeton, . . . . .	100	100
Pisgah, . . . . .	150	150	RED LION AND MERRITTS-TOWN:		
Palmer, . . . . .	150	150	Red Lion, . . . . .	500	500
Wayne, . . . . .	75	75	Merrittstown, . . . . .	150	150
Excess, . . . . .		15	SEVEN MILE, . . . . .	475	507
BROOKVILLE, . . . . .	250	250	Darrtown, . . . . .	225	228
Pyrmont, . . . . .	50	50	SPRINGBORO AND LYTLE:		
CENTERVILLE, . . . . .	600	600	Springboro, . . . . .	400	400
Bellebrook, . . . . .	200	200	Lytle, . . . . .	200	200
EBENEZER AND WOODWARD AVENUE:			VENICE, . . . . .	83	83
Ebenezer, . . . . .	250	250	Washington, . . . . .	163	163
Woodward Avenue, . . . . .	300	300	Okeana, . . . . .	205	205
FAIRHAVEN AND SUGAR VALLEY:			New Haven, . . . . .	144	144
Fairhaven, . . . . .	360	378	New Baltimore, . . . . .	105	105
Sugar Valley, . . . . .	240	240	WALKER AND UNION:		
FORT JEFFERSON, . . . . .	196	196	Walker, . . . . .	250	250
Hollansburg, . . . . .	192	174	Union, . . . . .	250	250
Jaysville, . . . . .	110	101	Mixerville, . . . . .		28
New Madison, . . . . .	100	75	WEST CHESTER, . . . . .	263	263
GORDON, . . . . .	215	215	Tylersville, . . . . .	217	189
Sonora, . . . . .	110	110	Sharonville, . . . . .	170	170
Baltimore, . . . . .	160	160	WEST MILTON, . . . . .	250	250
Pittsburg, . . . . .	90	90	Concord, . . . . .	150	150
			Union, . . . . .	75	75
			Pleasant Hill, . . . . .	48	30
			Bethany, . . . . .	15	15

APPOINTMENTS.	Appor- tioned.	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Appor- tioned.	Paid.....
<b>HILLSBORO DISTRICT.</b>			<b>HILLSBORO—Continued.</b>		
BELFAST, . . . . .	\$128	\$130	Boston, . . . . .	\$73	\$73
Flat Run, . . . . .	114	99	SINKING SPRING, . . . . .	180	180
Folsom, . . . . .	55	41	Carmel, . . . . .	153	153
London, . . . . .	118	118	Cedar Chapel, . . . . .	57	57
Louisville, . . . . .	90	79	Conaway Chapel, . . . . .	38	38
Prospect, . . . . .	95	95	Pisgah, . . . . .	72	72
BOWERSVILLE, . . . . .	230	240	SUGAR TREE RIDGE, . . . . .	177	178
Center, . . . . .	220	195	Mt. Olivet, . . . . .	122	122
Zion, . . . . .	100	100	Emerald, . . . . .	100	100
Haws, . . . . .	100	100	Fairfax, . . . . .	54	54
DUNKINSVILLE, . . . . .	137	137	Wesley Chapel, . . . . .	47	20
Cedar Mills, . . . . .	128	128	UNION, . . . . .	232	232
Union, . . . . .	73	73	Spring Valley, . . . . .	232	232
HIGHLAND, . . . . .	375	375	Glad, . . . . .	133	133
Memphis, . . . . .	211	211	Richland, . . . . .	141	141
Samantha, . . . . .	164	164	Mt. Holly, . . . . .	62	62
LEESBURG, . . . . .	428	428	WAYNESVILLE, . . . . .	650	620
East Monroe, . . . . .	165	165	Harveysburg, . . . . .	150	180
Olive Chapel, . . . . .	157	157			
LYNCHBURG, . . . . .	380	380	<b>MILFORD DISTRICT.</b>		
Dunn's Chapel, . . . . .	185	185	ABERDEEN, . . . . .	\$195	\$195
Dodsonville, . . . . .	175	175	Bradysville, . . . . .	150	150
Russell Station, . . . . .	135	135	Ebenezer, . . . . .	143	143
MARTINSVILLE, . . . . .	125	109	Fitch's Chapel, . . . . .	112	112
Morrisville, . . . . .	150	150	AMELIA, . . . . .	425	425
Webbertown, . . . . .	55	55	Pleasant Hill, . . . . .	130	130
Westboro, . . . . .	150	132	Union Chapel, . . . . .	70	70
Midland, . . . . .	75	38	BETHEL, . . . . .	331	331
MOWRYSTOWN, . . . . .	50	8	Lakin, . . . . .	85	85
Buford, . . . . .	152	70	Old Bethel, . . . . .	87	87
New Market, . . . . .	45	13	Clermont, . . . . .	80	75
Brouse, . . . . .	65	44	BUTLERVILLE, . . . . .	113	60
Clear Creek, . . . . .	40	40	McKendree, . . . . .	60	60
Mt. ORAB, . . . . .	255	255	Wesley, . . . . .	109	89
New Hope, . . . . .	50	50	Edenton, . . . . .	108	83
Sardinia, . . . . .	245	195	CENTENARY, . . . . .	82	82
Shiloh, . . . . .	100	100	Pleasant Hill, . . . . .	116	82
NEW BURLINGTON, . . . . .	252	252	Perintown, . . . . .	82	72
Sharon, . . . . .	233	233	Mt. Zion, . . . . .	82	66
Lumberton, . . . . .	214	214	Mt. Olive, . . . . .	63	52
Zoar, . . . . .	101	101	Concord, . . . . .	90	90
NEW JASPER, . . . . .	500	500	CHILO, . . . . .	95	95
White Chapel, . . . . .	100	100	Cedron, . . . . .	65	65
Mt. Tabor, . . . . .	100	100	McKendree, . . . . .	40	34
NEW VIENNA, . . . . .	430	430	Smith's Landing, . . . . .	25	17
Auburn, . . . . .	185	185	DECATUR, . . . . .	174	174
West Chapel, . . . . .	135	135	Russellville, . . . . .	145	135
PEEBLES, . . . . .	410	410	North Liberty, . . . . .	131	111
Jacksonville, . . . . .	135	130	Eckmansville, . . . . .	75	75
Locust Grove, . . . . .	70	65	Fairview, . . . . .	75	75
RAINSBORO, . . . . .	305	305	GEORGETOWN, . . . . .	575	585
Marshall, . . . . .	162	162	Free Soil, . . . . .	125	115
New Petersburg, . . . . .	110	110	Hillman, . . . . .	100	100

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APPOINTMENTS.	Appor- tioned.	Paid.....	APPOINTMENTS.	Appor- tioned.	Paid.....
<b>MILFORD—Continued.</b>			<b>MILFORD—Continued.</b>		
GOSHEN, . . . . .	\$410	\$415	Afton, . . . . .	\$120	\$139
Pleasant Plains, . . . . .	110	110	Clover, . . . . .	120	120
Charleston, . . . . .	80	75	Concord, . . . . .	100	104
LAUREL, . . . . .	208	208	Branch Hill, . . . . .	55	55
Mt. Pisgah, . . . . .	158	158	<b>SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.</b>		
Spring Grove, . . . . .	122	122	CATAWBA, . . . . .	\$420	\$420
Franklin, . . . . .	112	112	Nation, . . . . .	195	195
MAINEVILLE, . . . . .	425	425	Pleasant Chapel, . . . . .	85	85
Zoar, . . . . .	125	125	CHRISTIANSBURG, . . . . .	162	163
Cozaddale, . . . . .	100	100	McKendree, . . . . .	197	212
MARATHON, . . . . .	164	164	Beech Grove, . . . . .	78	78
Burdsall, . . . . .	115	115	Wesley, . . . . .	63	80
Greenberry, . . . . .	85	85	DIALTON:		
Fayetteville, . . . . .	63	63	Newson, . . . . .	433	440
Taylor, . . . . .	73	73	Sims, . . . . .	140	140
MASON, . . . . .	500	500	Asbury, . . . . .	137	130
Union, . . . . .	165	165	KING'S CREEK, . . . . .	325	268
Socialville, . . . . .	135	135	Cable, . . . . .	75	62
MOSCOW, . . . . .	202	202	Kennard, . . . . .	50	50
Calvary, . . . . .	200	200	Local Chapel, . . . . .	50	45
Point Pleasant, . . . . .	151	151	MUTUAL, . . . . .	223	223
Neville, . . . . .	123	123	Union, . . . . .	231	231
MT. WASHINGTON, . . . . .	320	320	Treacle Creek, . . . . .	97	97
California, . . . . .	195	195	Fountain Park, . . . . .	51	41
Salem, . . . . .	35	35	NEW MOOREFIELD, . . . . .	135	135
NEWTOWN, . . . . .	200	200	Asbury, . . . . .	170	170
Armstrong Chapel, . . . . .	200	200	Fletcher, . . . . .	155	155
Madeira, . . . . .	110	121	Moorefield Chapel, . . . . .	190	190
Camp Dennison, . . . . .	110	110	Vienna, . . . . .	150	150
OWENSVILLE, . . . . .	180	134	SOUTH CHARLESTON, . . . . .	650	650
Maple Grove, . . . . .	70	70	Selma, . . . . .	175	175
Belfast, . . . . .	145	145	TREMONT CITY, . . . . .	188	188
Newtonville, . . . . .	155	155	Concord, . . . . .	600	600
SOUTH LEBANON, . . . . .	250	250	Westville, . . . . .	150	150
Shiloh, . . . . .	83	83	Alfred Taylor, . . . . .	.....	.....
Rochester, . . . . .	33	33	Terre Haute, . . . . .	142	142
SUMMERSIDE, . . . . .	200	200	Grafton, . . . . .	61	61
Asbury, . . . . .	170	170	TROY CIRCUIT:		
Olive Branch, . . . . .	170	170	Bethel, . . . . .	184	189
Withamsville, . . . . .	60	60	Raper, . . . . .	184	184
WEST UNION, . . . . .	462	462	Casstown, . . . . .	232	189
Liberty Chapel, . . . . .	150	150	YELLOW SPRINGS, . . . . .	600	610
Stone Chapel, . . . . .	88	90	Emory, . . . . .	125	126
WILLIAMSBURG CIRCUIT:			Old Town, . . . . .	80	105
Salem, . . . . .	105	121			

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## COMMITTEES.

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### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

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THE American Bible Society is an indispensable auxiliary and a vitalizing assistant of all our missionary work. As the missionary work spreads, the demand of the Bible Society increases. When the Bible Society is straitened in its ability to respond to the demands—seeing it is our only source of supply—the work of our missionaries is seriously affected. When the Bible Society is crippled, our missionary work everywhere is vitally embarrassed. Unfortunately this very crisis is now upon us. It has arisen—

1. Because the Churches have not been sufficiently informed in regard to our relations to this great society, which in every land and language furnishes our missionaries with all the Bibles they use without expense to the Missionary Board, thereby saving our Church an outlay of many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

2. Because the erroneous impression has prevailed that the Bible Society is rich and has need of nothing, the collections have been allowed to dwindle until they have reached a distressingly low figure, not one fifth of what they need to be. The diminution of receipts precipitated a crisis this last year that threatened for a time to compel a reduction in its work of fifty per cent. This would have resulted in the withdrawal of the Society from several missionary countries, such as South America or the Levant, including Egypt, Turkey, Asia Minor, and all the region of the Eastern Mediterranean, or the Philippines or China. Such a drastic reduction would be little short of a calamity to the missionary work.

This threatened disaster was for this year averted by extraordinary efforts or special gifts, but the same conditions will again recur if the Churches do not immediately and greatly enlarge their contributions; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Conference hereby declares its unqualified confidence in the American Bible Society, and our conviction that its work is indispensable to our missionary success.

2. That in our view of its great and world-wide importance we will preach on this subject in each pastoral charge and give all our people an opportunity to contribute to its support.

3. That we continue the apportionment for this cause at one-eighth the amount apportioned for missions, and hereby direct our Presiding Elders to send out this apportionment to all the pastors at the beginning of the Conference year.

4. We respectfully request that the presiding Bishop reappoint the Rev. John Pearson, D. D., as Field Secretary of this society.

JOHN PEARSON, *Secretary*.

FRANK LEEVER, *President*.



## AUDITING COMMITTEE.

WE, your Auditing Committee, having examined the following accounts, believe them correct: Treasurer of Publishing Committee account, Conference Treasurer's account, and Treasurer of Board of Stewards as to distributing certain Conference Claimants' funds left in his hands for distribution.

G. L. TRAVIS, *Chairman*.

CHARLES W. BRIGGS, *Secretary*.

## AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM.

THE Committee met and organized. The following officers were elected: Chairman, H. D. Ketcham; Secretary, C. W. Blodgett; Treasurer, Theodore F. Spear; Executive Committee, the Presiding Elders, Judge W. R. Warnock, M. LeSourd, J. S. Pumphrey. The Committee recommend to the Conference the following report:

We rejoice in the appointment by General Conference of the Commission on Aggressive Evangelism, and it will be our great pleasure to co-operate so that the desired result of a perennial revival in every Church, salvation in every home, and a million converts every year be reached. We believe God is in the movement, that the people will engage in personal work for souls if the Presiding Elders and pastors will lead. The time has come when a concerted action from the senior Bishop to the humblest member of the Church be secured. We therefore recommend:

1. That our Presiding Elders organize their districts with a view to co-operative work between the pastors in revival work, and that a sub-Commission to this be appointed by the Elders in their respective districts, of which each Elder shall be the chairman in his own district.

2. We recommend that this year the pastors preach distinctively along revivalistic lines; that in all of our charges special services be held; that such help be secured as may seem wise, but especially that the pastors help and assist each other.

3. That in our large cities there be held one great central meeting, in which all of the Churches shall co-operate, and following this meeting active evangelistic work be held in all of the Churches.

4. That this Commission appointed by the Conference co-operate with the sub-Commissioners of the various districts appointed by the Presiding Elders; that they keep a roster of accredited evangelists and other helpers; that they give such information to the preachers as may be desired, and that the Commission aid the work and workers in such other ways as opportunity may afford.

5. We further recommend that a conference be held, at such time as this Commission and the Elders and pastors of the places designated deem best, in Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Hillsboro, and Milford. That at these conferences, which should be held early in November, 1904, all of the pastors be urged to attend, and delegates from our Official Boards and all others who can be so persuaded.

6. We believe that the hour is here for a great aggressive movement, and that we should plan for it in our Churches, Leagues, and Sunday-schools. We are co-workers with God, and He has given us the promise of fruit. In the addresses of Bishop Mallalieu and Rev. Dr. Brushingham they speak words that should arouse us all to activity. This Conference, we believe, in this most important of all recent movements—that of aggressive evangelism—will be on the firing line.

### CHURCH EXTENSION.

WE rejoice in the splendid record made by the Board of Church Extension during the last quadrennium. The collections from the Churches increased more than \$45,000 over the preceding four years, with a corresponding increase from other sources, making a total increase in the general fund of \$791,152. This means greatly increased efficiency and a forward move of the Methodist army.

Since its inception the Board has assisted in the erection of 13,526 churches. Most of these, perhaps, have been in the great and growing West, but many of the buildings in our own and other more Eastern Conferences have escaped the sheriff's hammer and been saved to Methodism by the timely help of this Board.

What multitudes on the frontier and elsewhere have heard the gospel in these thousands of churches, and how many have rallied around these centers of religious life to hold the community for Christ and for Methodism! It is a significant fact that where these churches have been planted there has come the largest increase in our Church membership. In these regions the people seem not to be gospel hardened nor method hardened as the case may be, and more readily receive the truth. The Board has planned wisely in locating churches in these otherwise neglected districts.

The continued success of this good work will depend on the faithfulness of every pastor in presenting the Church Extension cause to his people. Not only should this be done, but we call attention to the fact that a gift of \$250 or more will enable a donor to name a memorial church on the frontier, and thus have his gift going on in the work of soul-saving after he has passed away.

We are living in the era of expansion, and are glad to note the fact that the Church Extension Society is following the flag in its onward move. One church has been built in Hawaii, two in Porto Rico, and twenty in the Philippine Islands, so that literally the isles of the sea have been made to rejoice.

We recommend the careful perusal of *Christianity in Earnest*, the magazine of the Board, and the use of the maps showing the progress of this work over our land. These may be hung in the Sunday-school or League room, and be a continual object-lesson to our people.

We hail the day when every congregation shall have a comfortable and pleasant place of worship to which they may invite the unsaved, and urge our pastors and people to be satisfied with nothing less than this glorious consummation. We are happy to report that there are but two Churches in our Conference which are still indebted to the Loan Fund of the Board. On one of these the interest has accumulated for years. We hope for a prompt payment of these amounts, so that the funds now held by them may be used elsewhere in doing loving service.

We desire to congratulate the Board of Church Extension on securing the services of Dr. J. H. Fitzwater, of Delaware, Ohio, to present the cause to the Conferences, and record our appreciation of his presence and services before our own body.

JOHN W. GADDIS, *President*.

O. L. UTTER, *Secretary*.

### CHURCH INSURANCE.

THE Board of Insurance has paid out of its profits the expense of obtaining applications aggregating over \$2,000,000, and cash premiums of over \$10,000, which were necessary before our charter could be had, and

required nearly two years' work; also the expense incurred by members of the Board in attending the first meeting for organization during the latter part of the last quadrennium, and the four meetings held during the quadrennium just closed, as well as all other expenditures necessary for carrying out the directions of the General Conference. The average annual rate is approximately 40 per cent less than the one-year rates of stock companies on similar property, yet three annual dividends of 10 per cent have been paid to the members, in addition to the accumulation of the reserve required by law for the protection of the policy-holders. They estimate that at least \$7,000,000 of the business is on churches and parsonages which were formerly without insurance. They have had the accounts audited separately from the audit made by the expert employed by the company. They have verified the securities shown in the statement. The corporation is under the supervision of the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois, and carries for the protection of its policy-holders the full cash reserve required by the conservative laws of the State.

The total business is over \$23,000,000 and the total amount paid in losses is over \$110,000, and the profits so far this year are more than enough to pay the usual dividend for the entire year. In view of the official character of this organization, of the great service it is rendering to the Church in saving Methodism to many localities, as well as saving money, a portion at least of the insurance on all of our churches and parsonages ought to be with our own company.

For further particulars address Henry P. Magill, Secretary, No. 57 Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

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### CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

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THE Conference Deaconess Board of the Cincinnati Annual Conference would respectfully present its annual report:

The Board has licensed seven deaconesses: Lucy Banting, Felicia Black, Marion Chidsey, Edith Golay, Mary Pickett, Lulu White, and Mrs. C. McD. Pearne.

The Board has not made any transfers during the year. It recommends for continuance in office the following thirty-four deaconesses: Effie Austen, Anna Bassett, Willa Cassell, Cara Close, Addie Day, Florence Deaver, Anna Dwinell, Emma Enders, Mary Eyre, Dora Haines, Anna Hare, Ida Hoer, Nettie Hathorn, Kate Rawls Haynes, Lucelia House, Emma Houston, Sarah Ireland, Vanluah Jacques, Lela Lybarger, Mary McEwan, Olive Marshall, S. M. Martin, India Paff, Ida Pennell, Hannah M. Pierce, Lottie Sinnett, Ella Slear, Bessie Smith, Clara Solomon, Alice Thatcher, Lina Terrell, Carrie Thompson, Mary Veach, Sadie Williams.

Ten deaconesses have retired from the work. To enter missionary work: Mary Pauline Abbott. Of their own volition: Amanda Longbrake and Harriet Pellman. In order to be married: Delina Fidler, Carolyn Dau, and Gertrude Hoibert. On account of ill-health: Zuie Buxton, Alice Rogers, Laura Jean Pierson, Flora Faber.

There have been no changes in the charter or deeds of the property of the deaconess institutions under our care. The insurance upon property remains as heretofore, although at this time a revision of that upon the buildings and furniture at Christ's Hospital is being made with a view to its considerable increase.

The following report has been received from the Methodist Home for the Aged:

"The situation remains practically the same as it was last year, except that the Building Fund has been increased over \$60,000, so that we see our

way clearly to proceed with the erection of both the main or central building and the north wing. A chapel, 64 by 39 feet, large enough to accommodate three hundred and fifty worshipers, will form a part of this north wing."

The following report has been received from the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association:

"The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association has enjoyed an exceptionally prosperous year. Its deaconesses have done most efficient service in the free kindergartens, industrial schools, and in their district visiting among the destitute and afflicted. In this work the students in the Training-school have rendered valuable assistance. Deaconesses from the Association have also done most acceptable service in assisting the pastors of Lima, Canton, Greenfield, and of Ausbury, Trinity, and Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, and also in the shanty boat mission. Miss Olive G. Marshall, our evangelist, has had a remarkable year of soul-winning. The demands for her services are greatly in excess of her ability to meet them.

"The Training-school, under the direction of Miss Margaret Wilson, its principal, who is a classical graduate, has been ably assisted by a competent corps of teachers and lecturers of distinguished talent. The school is deserving of the confidence of the public and a generous patronage. It furnishes rare opportunities for young women entering the deaconess work. Under one Association is Home, Hospital, and Training-school. Mrs. Kate Rawls Haynes, a refined Christian woman, is an affectionate sister and full of motherly sympathies in her relation to the students, whom she regards as her girls. But great and beautiful as has been the work in the Home, that accomplished in Christ's Hospital, which is the Association's greatest activity, is conspicuous in its pre-eminence.

"From July to February an army of workmen was employed in making it new and in doubling its capacity. As no patients could be received during this period, the nurses were employed in outside nursing, much of which was among the poor and needy, who could make no other return than their gratitude for the service rendered. The administration building is now a complete four-story, and is new throughout. A children's ward of twenty-three beds, which is a dream of comfort and beauty; a maternity ward, which is most helpfully planned with reference to the service to be rendered in it; an additional operating-room, which is unsurpassed in finish and furnishings; a laboratory, which, in its facilities for bacteriological and pathological investigations with a view to heading off as well as healing disease, is in every respect up to date, and without a superior, if it has an equal, in the city; a new and newly-stocked pharmacy, and about twenty private rooms are among the additions.

"A laundry and power-house has been erected north of the administration building, at a cost of nearly \$20,000. It is a marvelous contribution to the general efficiency, comfort, cleanliness, light, warmth, pure water supply, and provision for an even and desirable temperature winter and summer.

"The administration building is supplied with hardwood floors. The halls are rendered microbe-proof with an asbestolite pavement, while the basement is rendered rodent-proof with concrete. Every precaution has been taken to make the building fire-proof. Fire-escape stairways, running from broad porches in connection with each story at either end of the building, afford ready and safe means of exit.

"The cost of refurnishing and restocking has been effected at an expense of about \$5,000, while the whole property, as reconstructed from the beginning up to date, has cost not less than \$200,000. There it stands in its beauty, our one great Methodist Deaconess Hospital in the Central West. Since the reopening in February it has had 556 patients within its walls, 200 of whom have been unable to pay anything for the service ren-

dered them. In addition to these, 2,000 clinic patients have received free treatment.

"The Hospital has at present forty-five nurses, the majority of whom are our unsalaried deaconesses. It is the purpose of the management to add to this number fifteen, that they may be able to respond to more outside calls. But not only has the Hospital done a great service for the bodies of the sick, but it has also been owned by the Great Physician in the salvation of many of the patients. The evangelistic spirit is pervasive of every ward and room, although it is not obtrusive.

"Miss Hannah M. Pierce, the great-hearted superintendent, is most faithfully aided in this part of the work, as well as in all others pertaining to the good of the patients, by the band of devoted Christian women who, as nurses, whether in official or in subordinate relations, whether as deaconesses or in training for professional service, seek to make the deaconess spirit all-pervasive.

"Through the medium of this Hospital, thus generously donated and equipped for the great work of helping the afflicted, a rare opportunity is afforded the Church for doing a great work. What has thus been provided, has been done with the hope of encouraging and inspiring others to co-operate in the work, and make the joint and liberal contributions of the many build up and carry on to the end of time a great and growing institution. To do this the Endowment Fund should be carried from its present half-hundred thousand to a half-million, and its current expense of \$3,500 a month taken care of, so far as need be, by a creditable collection for this work by every charge in the Conference. In this direction, before the ideal becomes the actual, it will be seen that there must be an advance all along the line, when it is known that last year six charges in the Cincinnati, fifteen in the Dayton, fourteen in the Hillsboro, four in the Milford, and nine in the Springfield District, making a total of forty-eight of the one hundred and sixty-three charges in the Cincinnati Conference, reported nothing for this, the primary work of our Lord. And since the great majority of the free patients in the Hospital are from outside of Cincinnati, coming as they do from all parts of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia, help should be volunteered from all these regions which receive the donated services of this great Association, which only asks others to join with it in helping the helpless."

The Ladies' Aid Society, through its Treasurer, Mrs. G. Y. Gordon, No. 50 Walnut Avenue, Wyoming, Ohio, makes the following excellent report:

Current receipts.....	\$451 88
Offering at Tenth Anniversary.....	706 50

Total for the year.....	\$1,158 38
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Of the twenty-nine deaconesses, members of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home, thirteen are on duty in the Hospital, thirteen in the Home, one is pastor's assistant, one evangelist, and one is in attendance upon a sick sister. Of the six deaconesses not connected with the Home, one is engaged in City Missionary work, one at the City Work House, one at home on account of claims of family, and three are unemployed on account of ill-health.

Receipts for the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital during the year were....	\$34,526 65
Current expenditures.....	32,282 61

For detailed statistics of the work accomplished, receipts and expenditures, we beg to refer you to the Annual Report of the Association, which we are advised will be issued at the time of its annual meeting in October, and a copy will be forwarded to each member of the Annual Conference.

We would recommend the reappointment of Rev. Mr. W. A. Robinson, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association.

The term of office of the following members of the Board expires at this time: James N. Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio; E. L. McLean, Greenfield, Ohio; Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Madisonville, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted. GERVASE ROUGHTON, *President*.  
JAMES N. GAMBLE, *Secretary*.

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## EDUCATION.

### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WE commend the work of our Board of Education. We pledge our fealty to the newly-elected executive of the Board, the Corresponding Secretary, William F. Anderson, D. D. His ripe scholarship, his stalwart Christian manhood, his sympathy for youth, his successful ministry, and his previous experience as a member of the Board of Education, give him a pre-eminent fitness for succession in the line of Payne and McDowell. The vigor and wisdom of his administration, foreshadowed by a most successful beginning, give promise of an increased usefulness of this important Board, that will abundantly vindicate the wisdom of the General Conference in his election.

The object of the establishment and maintenance of the Board of Education under the authority of the Church is to place a liberal education within the reach of every youth of our Connection. We record our deep appreciation of the aid that has been rendered needy students in our higher institutions of learning, and lovingly yet earnestly urge upon the Church the importance of a more generous support of this great cause.

The assistance rendered to needy young people is given in such a way as to preserve the self-respect and self-reliance of the beneficiary, and is, therefore, both worthy in purpose and commendable in spirit.

We cheerfully commend Children's-day as a means of awakening interest and conveying information touching this great cause of Christian education, and exhort all our pastors to present fully this important work to their people. We recommend the continuance of the policy of devoting the proceeds of the general educational collection to the support of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

### THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS.

Our theological schools long since passed the experimental stage. They have done none of the dire things once freely predicted of them; rather they have stimulated zeal, strengthened faith, and increased the evangelistic spirit. They have sent into our ministerial ranks men sustaining our highest traditions. More than ever the special preparation they give is needed. In a Conference like ours men of such training are greatly needed. The Conference has so repeatedly stated this imperative preference, that it would now protest against the transfer to us of men destitute of theological training, especially transfers made in the intervals between Conferences, when the body can not even protest.

### THE OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The past year has but tended to enhance our just pride and interest in the Ohio Wesleyan University. Her high standing among educational institutions of the first rank, and her invaluable service to the cause of Christian education, entitle her to the prayers, gifts, and patronage of all



who believe in Christian culture. We recognize, to quote a sentence destined to become classic, that "Education is but the lower side of Christianity, and Christianity the upper side of education."

The following items will attest the steady growth of the university:

**ENROLLMENT.**—The Fall term opened with the largest attendance in the history of the university. One hundred and sixty six students completed courses during the year.

**ENDOWMENT.**—At the close of the present administration it is appropriate to note the financial growth:

1889.—Grounds, six buildings, and equipment.....	\$211,061 00
Endowment .....	228,621 00

Total .....	\$439,682 00
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1904.—Grounds, fifteen buildings, and equipment.....	\$848,367 00
Endowment, less indebtedness.....	1,020,174 00

Total, less duplications.....	\$1,706,249 00
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The present and prospective property may be estimated at \$2,356,249.

**INTELLECTUAL WORK.**—In the first examination held for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship, Mr. C. H. May, of the Class of 1903, one of the three candidates selected from Ohio colleges, received the highest grades of the three.

**RELIGIOUS WORK.**—Of the young men in our colleges 50 per cent are members of some Christian Church, as compared with 9 per cent outside of colleges.

At the close of special services last winter 90 per cent of the students of the Ohio Wesleyan University claimed to be Christians. More than two hundred conversions were reported last year.

We recommend the appointment of William R. Warnock as Trustee of the university for another term of five years.

Inseparably connected with the development of the institution is the name of President James W. Bashford. While we recognize the high honor the Church has conferred in calling him to the Episcopal office, we can not refrain from recording our regret that he is no longer to devote his splendid abilities specifically to the cause of Christian education.

#### HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

The lease entered into by the Conference Board of Trustees with the Hillsboro Special School District for ten years continues in force. Litigation having arisen from the minority portion of the Board, the property is not yet in use by the school, but we trust for a speedy and final settlement of the case by the courts. The School Board proposes to carry it to the highest tribunal.

We recommend the election of the following named Trustees for the ensuing year, said Trustees to have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in their number: George W. Barrere, John A. McCoppin, O. N. Sams, George W. Miller, D. M. Barrett, W. C. Duckwall, James F. Brown, and V. F. Brown. We also recommend the appointment of a Commission to co-operate with the Trustees, said Commission to be composed of the Presiding Elder of the Hillsboro District, the pastor of the Hillsboro Methodist Episcopal Church, and Frank G. Mitchell.

#### THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Whatever differences of opinion may exist on the subject of co-education, there is practical unanimity in the conviction that adequate provision should be made for the higher education of young women. For the accomplishment of that end splendid facilities are offered through the Woman's College of Baltimore. The equipment is excellent, the management is

wise, its ideal is high, its work thorough. The loss which its resident friends sustained through the exceedingly destructive fire which occurred in the city of Baltimore some months ago has largely diminished its local financial support. We therefore bespeak for it the prayerful sympathy and generous aid of our people, and commend it to all who are seeking an institution that is safe and successful in the education of the young women.

#### VISITORS.

We nominate Visitors to our educational institutions as follows:

*To Ohio Wesleyan University.*—Marion LeSourd, M. B. Fuller; *alternate*, J. B. Young.

*To Drew Theological Seminary.*—A. B. Leonard, C. E. Schenck; *alternate*, A. B. Austin.

*To School of Theology, Boston University.*—R. J. Wyckoff, Sheridan W. Bell; *alternate*, A. W. Leonard.

*To Garrett Biblical Institute.*—G. W. Dubois, J. A. Story; *alternate*, J. E. Abrams.

#### ORGANIZATION EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

*President*, Guy P. Benton; *Vice-President*, J. A. Story; *Secretary*, C. L. Conger; *Treasurer*, James M. DeCamp; *Additional Members*, W. R. Warnock, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble, Robert W. Burns.

W. H. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

F. G. MITCHELL, *Chairman*.

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#### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

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It is a fact universally recognized to-day that a Church's prosperity, and even existence, depends upon the account it gives of itself to the young people. Methodists have come to realize this fact very clearly. The Epworth League stands as witness of our Church's attempt to meet the requirements in this regard. In fact, the League is the Church, expressed in terms of the buoyant young life within our communion.

In accordance with this recognized function of the League, it is being made more and more an integral part of our Church.

We recognize, moreover, that the organizations and leadership of these hosts of young people requires great wisdom and grace. The action of the General Conference in again separating the two offices of Secretary and Editor we hail as a worthy attempt to meet the increasing demands of the General League. The new arrangement we heartily indorse, and the officers elected for this quadrennium will receive our earnest co-operation. We realize the needs of our Church are very many, and many of these needs—such as systematic Bible-study, instruction in missions, and especially aggressive evangelism—the League can and must do much to satisfy, if these needs are ever to be met in the future.

To properly and successfully gather in and utilize our young people in the service of Christ and His Church, it is necessary to begin with the children. Accordingly we urge the importance of organizing the children into Junior Leagues throughout our Conference. It is only in this way that the work of the Sunday-schools and the instruction of the children by the pastor will be complete.

As a very effective agency for the promotion of these desired ends through our Leagues, we commend the *Epworth Herald*, the official organ of our young people's societies. We pledge our efforts toward the increasing of the *Herald's* circulation among our League membership, as well as towards the enlargement of the sale of the books in the Epworth League Reading Course.

# FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOR thirty-eight years this Society has most faithfully carried on its work of educating Freedmen and poor white people of the South.

The past year has been a most prosperous one. The school attendance has advanced to 11,161, an increase of 832 over last year. During the past quadrennium there was given to the schools from the General Fund the sum of \$105,000, *more than* was appropriated for this purpose during the previous quadrennium.

There has been also a remarkable increase in self-support. The receipts from incidentals and room rent paid by the students have advanced from \$58,079 in 1900 to \$87,478 last year, and the regular Conference collections of \$105,224 for the General Fund have been larger than for any year since 1893.

Some form of industry is taught in practically every school. During the past year 3,520 students have received industrial training.

The General Committee having withdrawn all special agents, the entire burden of the work has rested upon the two Corresponding Secretaries. This gives them a strong claim on the pastors in urging them to raise their full apportionments, and to inform their people of the needs of this Society and the great work it is doing.

The nine million destitute colored and three million needy white people of the South appeal to the pastors, and through them to all our congregations for help.

The work of this Society is related not only to the progress of the Church, but to the very life and safety of the Republic. The colored people are here among us from no choice of their own, but they are here to stay. The frequent disturbances of lynchings by mobs, etc., show us clearly our duty to educate and Christianize these colored people, and carry on the work of their complete emancipation, so nobly begun by our Boys in Blue forty years ago. He whom the Son of God makes free is free indeed. They need Christian education. Our schools are centers of religious power, and are supplying this need.

We may mention, too, the economical management of this Society. Only 4 8/10 per cent is expended in the administration of all the funds for which the Society is responsible. The Society invites annuities at good rates of interest.

The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has grown to be one of the great institutions of our Church. Its lands and buildings are valued at nearly \$2,000,000. "It has trained more than 200,000 in its schools." It has equipped hundreds of ministers, teachers, and physicians for their work, and sent them forth to labor for the uplifting of their own race, not only in the South, but in far-off benighted Africa, where more than twenty of its graduates serve as missionaries.

Cincinnati is the birthplace of this Society; hence this Conference should be its most loyal supporter.

Fresh and illustrated tracts will be furnished free of charge to all pastors applying for them. The *Christian Educator* will be sent free for one year to every one giving one dollar or more. This periodical ought to be read by every member of our Church.

We most cordially congratulate our Secretaries in their re-election to the office they have so faithfully filled during the past quadrennium, and bespeak for them still greater success during the coming four years. We sincerely welcome them for another term.

J. P. GILLILAND, *Secretary*.

C. W. ELLIOTT, *Chairman*.

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### LAKESIDE.

THE season of 1904 at Lakeside was one of exceptional prosperity. The attendance was greatly in excess of recent years. All departments of the work were prosperous. Both the English and the German Camp-meetings were attended by very gratifying spiritual results. The Assembly and the Summer Schools showed by their large patronage how highly they were appreciated. It looked like the old days had come back to Lakeside. The Trustees are planning for the liquidation of the debt on current expenses, but as the annual meeting has been completed we can not make a definite statement.

The terms of service as Trustees from this Conference of Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., and Mr. S. B. LeSourd expire with Conference, and they are hereby recommended for re-election.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARSON, H. C. HOPKINS,  
C. L. CONGER, B. R. COWEN.

### MISSIONS.

WE are grateful for the unmeasured success with which God has crowned the missionary enterprises of the Church the past year, not alone for the good accomplished in the foreign field, but because of the reactionary influence expressing itself in the increased spirituality and interest in our Churches.

We rejoice in the opportunity open to us through the Open Door Emergency Movement, that it has fallen to our lot to do for this great work of God what those who have preceded us were not permitted to do.

The field has broadened within the last year in a marked degree, especially in our new possessions. We have noted the interest in the education of the youth in Porto Rico. This work, under the supervision of Dr. C. W. Drees, for quite a while a member of the Cincinnati Conference, has been wonderfully blessed. We recognize the successful work accomplished also in the Philippines.

In the foreign fields we have still greater reason to rejoice over what has been accomplished. Thousands in India have been brought into the fold. Bishop Thoburn's labors have been wonderfully blessed of God. The physical comfort of the people has not been overlooked. This we believe has been conducive to creating a desire to know more about the Christian religion. Thousands also in China and Japan have been won over to Christianity, and Bishop Moore brings encouraging word on his return from his four years' sojourn in those countries. W. N. Brewster, formerly of the Cincinnati Conference, and his wife (now in this country), by reason of their arduous labors in China, by the information given us during that time, and by their persuasive words as they have gone from Church to Church, have materially aided us in securing greater financial results.

We emphasize the fact stated in the annual missionary sermon, that the mission of the Anglo-Saxon race is to evangelize the world, and inasmuch as we are not doing this by going to the nations that are without the gospel, God is sending these people to us, and we call attention to the need of hearty co-operation with the Society in its effort to reach the foreign population in this country, the Italian, French, Spanish, and Scandinavian people.

There is an urgent demand on the part of pastors for new methods for awakening interest in missions. We commend the plan so successfully

carried out in many places, that at least one month of each year be devoted to the consideration of the expansion of the Master's kingdom, culminating in the observance of the annual missionary Sunday and the taking of the collection. In one of our large Churches during one month the Sunday morning and evening sermons and the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting topics are devoted to the subject of missions, and charts, maps, and the missionary literature is freely used, with a profit to the people and an increase in the missionary collection.

We believe the station plan to be a helpful method in raising funds, and also of stimulating the interest of the home congregation in the foreign field.

We understand that the Field Secretary, Rev. J. C. Floyd, is planning to hold a State Methodist Episcopal Missionary Convention at Columbus, Ohio, in the early part of December, 1904, and we desire to indorse this enterprise, and ask our Presiding Elders and the pastors to cheerfully co-operate with him to secure its success and fullest profit.

We recommend the purchase and liberal use by the pastors of our missionary literature, which may be had at a very small expense by writing to our Missionary Secretaries at New York.

We commend the policy of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of sending *World-Wide Missions* to all persons who contribute one dollar or more to the regular missionary collection, provided that not more than one copy shall go into one family, and we pledge ourselves to send to the Missionary Office the names of all persons in our respective charges entitled to the paper.

We recognize the increased impulse we have received in our charges from the district Missionary Conventions, and we hope it will be possible to continue these.

We can not insist too much on the importance of the organization of all our Sunday-schools into Missionary Societies.

We have received information of the fact that \$39,600 have been apportioned to the Cincinnati Conference for next year.

We rejoice that our own Dr. Leonard, because of the admirable work he has accomplished, has been continued as Missionary Secretary for another quadrennium.

J. P. PORTER, *Chairman*.

H. G. CURLESS, *Secretary*.

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## PARSONAGES.

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MAN is the only being within our knowledge that can and must have a home. The bird, after a day of sweetest song, may retire to its nest; the wild animal roaming through the forest may, at the close of day, find a resting-place in earth's cavern or soil; but man's happiness centers in his home.

The laity of the Cincinnati Conference have invested \$551,000 in one hundred and twenty-five homes for use by the pastors who minister to them in holy things. Under modern conditions a comfortable home is a necessity if the minister of the gospel is to maintain the highest standard of usefulness among the people. One of the most pleasing scenes in the old Hebrew prophet's vision and picture of Jerusalem restored, is the place he assigns the reader of the law, whether active, aged, or infirm, resting in a beautiful suburban home, enjoying the comforts of a liberally provided support.

Your Committee offer for your adoption:

1. That the pastors living in the parsonages of the Conference be held responsible for the attractiveness, neat appearance, cleanliness of the prop-

erty, and also that they use their best effort to keep these homes in good repair.

2. That the Trustees of all such property take special interest in the same, asking the people for the necessary funds to either rebuild, repair, or where there is no parsonage to provide one, as the Book of Discipline directs.

3. In all cases where the parsonage is to be refitted, the friends who make such provision shall study uniformity in their furnishings.

S. G. POLLARD, *Secretary*.

R. S. MCCOLM, *Chairman*.

### PENSIONING SUPERANNUATES.

*To the Cincinnati Annual Conference:*

YOUR Board of Stewards, to whom was referred a certain paper relating to a "Superannuates' Pension Fund," beg leave to recommend—

1. That no action be taken upon that subject at the present time.

2.\* After carefully considering the whole question as to the best method of securing more liberal collections for our needy Conference Claimants, we suggest a graded per cent of salary, instead of a uniform 8 per cent, as previously recommended. We also recommend the following gradation: Charges paying \$600 or less for pastoral support (not including house rent or Presiding Elder's claim), at least 5 per cent; those paying over \$600, to and including \$1,000, 8 per cent; over \$1,000, and including \$1,500, 10 per cent; over \$1,500, 12 per cent.

3. We also recommend that the collection be not presented in connection with any other, and that this cause be presented at the most favorable time, and in the best possible way, to secure a generous response.

R. E. SMITH, *Secretary*.

J. R. HILL, *Chairman*.

### PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.

THE Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts begs leave to submit the following report:

1. Recognizing the extreme difficulty of the problems confronting those attempting to produce a denominational paper, we commend the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, Dr. Levi Gilbert, and the publishers for the marked progress they have made toward a solution.

2. The increasing value of our great magazine, the *Methodist Review*, is becoming more appreciated by laymen as well as ministers, and we commend the editor, Dr. W. V. Kelley, for the success achieved in this field.

3. Our Sunday-school literature is second to none, and should have its place in every Sunday-school.

4. PREACHERS' ACCOUNTS.—Concerning Preachers' Accounts we recommend that the same business methods be used in dealing with these as any conservative business house employs in securing its outstanding accounts.

J. ELBERT THOMAS, *Secretary*.

\* NOTE.—Items one (1) and three (3) of this report were adopted, but item two (2) was ordered printed for next year's consideration.—SECRETARY.



## PUBLIC MORALS.

WE recognize the fact that the Christian pulpit is one of the chief agencies for ethical instruction, for the development of moral character, and for the erection and maintenance of a high standard of individual and civic righteousness. Hence our duty as ministers of the gospel to preach on themes which tend to educate the public conscience,—themes which help to elevate the type of good citizenship in vogue, and clarify and crystallize the moral convictions of our time. Among the subjects which should command attention and receive consideration in this regard are these: The Perils and Wickedness of Gambling, Coarse and Grotesque Stage Performances, Mob Violence; Lynch Law, the later and more horrible forms of which are most shocking; Buying and Selling Votes and Voters, Vicious Juvenile Literature, Sunday Excursions and the Demoralizations which they breed, and the Extraordinary Increase which the Press records in crimes against Human Life. There are also problems which have to do with Capital and Labor, with the reinstallation of the Bible into the Public School, and with the many forms of social vice which are prevalent to-day. To these problems we should give careful study, so that when we deal with them in the pulpit our words may have the weight which insight, wisdom, and acquaintance with these problems assure, and thus make full proof of our ministry.

M. B. FULLER, *Chairman*.

J. B. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

## RESOLUTIONS.

OUR week's sojourn in Miamisburg has justified the pledges that made it the seat of the Conference for 1904. In the center of a rich agricultural and manufacturing district and a cluster of beautiful and prosperous villages, Miamisburg, assisted somewhat by her neighbors, has most hospitably entertained the Conference, its guests and visitors. Had it been necessary to do more, she would have counted the planks upon her floors rather than the beds in her chambers, and cared for all who came. We have had such a welcome, sustained by good cheer at groaning boards, that we have felt no more strangers or guests, but like children at home. Should Miamisburg ever again desire the Conference, she has only to point to her latchstring and challenge all competition; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we tender the citizens of Miamisburg who have opened their houses, the pastors that have proffered their churches, the choir that has been so charming, and all others who have contributed to the convenience and comfort of the Conference, our grateful thanks.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. Sheridan Bell has, by his courtesy, industry, and intelligence, as the pastoral host of the Conference, earned a testimonial of our esteem, which we tender him incased in the amber of a grateful memory.

*Resolved*, That Robert W. Burns, of West Carrollton, having contributed, by the splendid festival of Friday evening and its handsome souvenirs, so lavishly to our pleasure, has forged another golden link in the chain of fraternal reminiscences that is so tightly binding ministers and laymen together in the bonds of brotherly love.

*Resolved*, That we rejoice in the elevation to the Episcopacy of J. W. Bashford, D. D., and that the initial presidency of Bishop Bashford has been over the Cincinnati Conference, which trying ordeal he has passed, coming out bright with the encomiums of his brethren, and demonstrating that no mistake was made by his selection for the sacred office.

*Resolved*, That we tender Bishop Bashford our grateful appreciation for the skill and courtesy with which he has presided in Conference and Cabinet, and for the mind-expanding and heart-helping addresses in chancel, on platform, and in pulpit, with which he has made this session exceptionally edifying; that we congratulate him on his assignment to the Orient for the next quadrennium, will follow him with our prayers, and believe, when he returns, that he will be able to say, "Better four years of Cathay, than forty years of America."

*Resolved*, That we have enjoyed the benignant presence and wise counsel of Bishop John M. Walden, LL. D., and rejoice that we are to have him resident among us through the remainder of his life, which we hope may be a golden autumn, a prolonged Indian summer.

*Resolved*, That we hail with pleasure the coming of Bishop Henry Spellmeyer to be our active resident Bishop, and assure him of a cordial welcome and an unfaltering support.

*Resolved*, That to our Secretary, Rev. S. O. Royal, to our Statistical Secretary, G. M. Hammell, to our Treasurer, C. W. Horn, and their aides we owe a debt which we discharge with a love more precious than gold or silver or the merchandise thereof.

A. HAMILTON, *President*.

H. A. M. HENDERSON, *Secretary*.

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### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

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THE Sabbath was made for man. The wisdom and authority instituting the Sabbath are divine. The command and obligation to observe the Sabbath is co-extensive with universal humanity. Sabbath observance is essential to individual and national prosperity, and can not be disregarded with impunity. Obedience and blessing, disobedience and a curse are ever related and inseparable. We commend the Fourth Commandment, as well as the other nine, to the careful and conscientious consideration of all sane people. Who sins against God sins also against himself and humanity. The Church is the light-bearer for mankind, and the salt of the earth only when she remembers the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Let this be our watchword amidst prevailing desecrations. To this end be it

*Resolved*, 1. That we will utilize diligently the abundant literature on the subject of Sabbath observance, now easily obtainable from such organizations as the American Sabbath Union, the New England Sabbath Protective League, the International Bureau of Reforms, the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, the Sabbath Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the publications of the religious press. By the use of such publications we may secure an awakening and a deeper conviction in regard to the authority and usefulness of Sabbath observance in the public mind.

2. That we approve heartily the plans for the International Sunday Rest Congress, to be held in connection with the World's Fair at St. Louis, October 11, 12, 13, and 14, 1904, and we note with sincere gratification that one of our own honored laymen of the Cincinnati Conference, United States Senator Joseph Benson Foraker, is to give the opening address at this Congress, and that civic, denominational, patriotic, and reformatory bodies of various lands are co-operating to make this gathering one of extraordinary influence for good.

3. That in accordance with the request of the officers of this Congress, made through its Secretary, Rev. Dr. Edward Thomson, we appoint the following two delegates to serve as members of the body; namely, Rev. D. J. Starr, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Young, D. D., with the Rev. S. B. Smith, D. D., and Rev. J. T. Bail, D. D., alternates.

S. B. SMITH, *Secretary*.

D. J. STARR, *Chairman*.

## THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

NEVER in its history was the Church, in our opinion, being felt more, and never has it done better work, than it is doing to-day. It is making progress everywhere. It is molding public opinion and is being felt in the councils of the nations. It is aggressive in heathen lands, sending thither consecrated, scholarly, talented missionaries, both men and women.

Much of the wealth of this Nation is in the hands of the members of the Church, and God has given to our denomination its share. Through the beneficence of our members magnificent church buildings, adapted to the work of to-day, are rising on every hand. The worth of humanity is reaching the culmination of appreciation. Hospitals and Homes for the unfortunate, colleges and universities are multiplying and their endowments being enlarged. Revivals permanent in character and systematized efforts for the development of our membership are very carefully and religiously considered, and the result is to be seen in the spiritual awakening of both our laity and ministry.

We are living in a glorious age. Say not thou that the former days were better than these, for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

Our own Conference is felt not only within its boundary lines, but all over the Nation. The Methodist Church is open for the best in theory and method in work. It stands squarely upon the faith of the Fathers. Believing in the broadest and most advanced scholarship, it clings with a tenacity commendable to the sheet anchor of our faith—to the Bible as the Book of God, and to the Lord Jesus Christ in His vicarious sacrifice for the sins of men.

We rejoice that the truth as planted by the Holy Spirit in the hearts and consciences of men produces evolution of character, and that the life of the soul is the new creation through the Son of God in heart of man.

Sin and sinners are on every hand. New forms of evil are being presented, and the Church of God must and is able and is combating and destroying these forms.

The outlook is bright. The old ship is sailing on. We thank God for what our Fathers were, and for the work they wrought and for what we are, and what God is enabling us to do, and for what we are yet to do, and that each generation of Christians, and especially Methodist Christians, have a clearer vision and a more optimistic faith.

C. W. BLODGETT, *Secretary.*

GEORGE H. DART, *Chairman.*

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

THE success of the Sunday-school is vital to the increase and prosperity of the Church. Too slight an emphasis placed on this work foretells calamity, both to the members and intelligent character of the Church. We note with deep regret that our Minutes of last year show a decrease of two schools, 125 officers and teachers, 1,235 scholars, and a loss of 3,983 in the average attendance.

This decrease seems to suggest the need of a "forward movement" in our Sunday-school work. The Sunday-school, in its possibilities of attendance, of better organization, of better qualified teachers, better methods of instruction in Bible truth, Church doctrines, ethics, and in promoting conversions, is yet in its infancy. We have just reason to be proud of the splendid series of Sunday-school supplies, which are beyond comparison with others in quality and at prices beyond competition. We urge their universal, unqualified use among our schools.

We wish to call attention to the late action of the General Conference, directing that in addition to the regular Church collection for this cause that a special collection for it be taken in all our Sunday-schools, for which collection a special blank will be provided for the statistical tables of the Minutes.

We also urge the observance of "Rally-day," which is the last Sabbath in September, and for which an appropriate program has been prepared by the Sunday-school Union.

We wish also to invite the attention of the Conference to the action of the General Conference, directing that our Sunday-schools be organized into Temperance Societies. The General Conference Temperance Committee has provided a constitution for their organization, to be known as the "White Shield League," and the Sunday-school Union is issuing the material necessary for effecting their organization.

We strongly urge the organization of the Epworth League in connection with the temperance societies.

We heartily appreciate the work of Dr. Thomas B. Neely of the Sunday-school Union, who was lately elected to the office of the Episcopacy, and welcome Dr. J. T. McFarland to his new office, and assure him of our hearty co-operation.

J. E. EWRY, *Chairman*.

THOMAS P. WALTER, *Secretary*.

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### TEMPERANCE AND THE PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR-TRAFFIC.

1. We reaffirm all the deliverances of our General Conference and of our own Conference against the license system and against the use of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes.

2. We pledge ourselves to use all legitimate measures to banish the saloon from every square foot of American soil at the earliest possible day.

3. We congratulate boroughs, towns, and cities of Ohio that have banished the saloon from their borders under the prohibitory provisions of existing laws, and we will use our utmost endeavor to rescue from its clutches the remaining territory within the bounds of our Conference still cursed by its baneful and blighting influence.

4. We will give hearty and continuous support to all organizations that make relentless and uncompromising warfare against the legalized saloon.

5. We will do all in our power as pastors and citizens to promote total abstinence in our congregations, Epworth Leagues, and Sunday-schools, and in the communities in which we labor.

6. We protest against the attempt of Bishop Potter, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to galvanize the saloon into respectability by participating in the dedication of the Subway Tavern in New York, a place used for the sale of intoxicating liquors to men and women; and we regret more than words can express that he should have joined with rumsellers, drunkards, and scoffers in prostituting a doxology of praise to the triune God, heard more frequently in places consecrated to Christian worship than any other hymn ever written, by singing it in a place devoted to the destruction of the bodies, minds, and souls of men, women, and children. The saloon is of its father, the devil, and not even the blessing of a Bishop can transform it into an angel of light and blessing. The saloon remains the same, while the Bishop, with soiled robes, descends to its level.

We especially commend the work of the Ohio Anti Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

C. W. BLODGETT, *Secretary*.

A. B. LEONARD, *Chairman*.

## TRACTS.

THE Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church incarnates a profound conviction that the printing-press may be an evangelist. It aids in the circulating of religious literature, particularly in the form of tracts and leaflets, throughout the entire world. It is circulating literature in some twelve languages in the United States and twenty languages in foreign lands. Splendid testimony as to the value of tracts comes from foreign fields: Mexico, South America, Japan, India, China, Africa. Each field is intensely active in giving away the tracts. Our new possessions also assure us of their active, earnest, and energetic work in making practical use of the tracts—Porto Rico and the Philippines.

A like work is being done among foreign-speaking Americans in our land—Germans, Portuguese, Italians, Chinese, and Japanese.

In the United States every year the Tract Society gives away 11,000,000 pages of tracts alone.

This Society needs the sum of \$50,000 per annum, in order to carry on its great work through the Church and entire world.

We, your Committee, would recommend and urge that the value of tracts be brought to the attention of our people, and a liberal collection taken in all our Churches for the support, both morally and financially, of the Tract Society to spread a Christian literature throughout the world.

We recommend that the pastors avail themselves of the offer of the Tract Society, which provides that every pastor who will make application can receive from the Society an amount of tracts equal in price to one-half of the last collection of his charge to the Tract Society.

We recommend that our pastors make a more liberal use of tracts in connection with their work, especially by inclosing a good and suitable tract in their letters in their work of every-day evangelism.

L. A. WASHBURN, *Secretary.*

W. E. SPURRIER, *Chairman.*

## CINCINNATI MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

MISSIONS.	MEMBERSHIP,		Sunday-school Average.	Conversions.	IN CHARGE OF
	Full.	On Probation.			
McMicken Avenue, . . . . .	90	54	92	35	J. S. Young. Thos. S. King. { I. D. Jones. A. R. Pugh. J. T. Price. The Supt. Vanluah Jacques, Deaconess.
State Avenue, . . . . .	82	59	80	57	
Freeman Avenue, . . . . .	63	41	136	69	
Shantytown, . . . . .	2	12	35	.....	
Total, . . . . .	237	166	343	161	

Respectfully.

H. B. PATTERSON, *Supt.*

Cincinnati, August 31.

## VI.

### Miscellany.

#### CINCINNATI CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

##### DIRECTORS.

Term expires 1905.—W. H. Wehrly, R. K. Deem, Geo. Vorhis.  
Term expires 1906.—F. G. Mitchell, S. O. Royal, A. B. Austin.  
Term expires 1907.—D. J. Starr, C. H. Haines, C. L. Conger.

##### OFFICERS.

*President.*—F. G. Mitchell.  
*Vice-President.*—C. L. Conger.  
*Secretary.*—W. H. Wehrly.

*Treasurer.*—C. H. Haines.  
*Custodian.*—S. O. Royal.

##### LIFE MEMBERS.

Members of the Conference who pay \$5 or more to the Society.  
Asbury Lowrey, D. D.

##### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those who pay \$3 or more to the Society, or make valuable and approved contributions to the Society.

Mrs. Asbury Lowrey.  
Joseph Eichelberger.  
Lewis C. Smith.  
Miss Vina Dickey.  
Rev. C. W. Rishell.  
Elijah M. Fitch.  
Rev. T. F. Royal.  
John W. Dale.  
Rev. Geo. W. Vorhis.  
Lewis N. Gatch.  
Mrs. M. H. Drees.  
Mrs. John Shinn.  
W. T. Hill.  
Rev. C. W. Taneyhill.

Rev. J. P. Porter, D. D.  
Rev. T. A. Goodwin, D. D.  
Mrs. Katharine Clark Mullikin.  
Mrs. Bishop Morris.  
R. T. Miller.  
Rev. Wm. Runyan.  
Rev. S. W. Edmiston.  
Peter B. Light.  
John Boehm.  
Agnes Duckwall.  
Mrs. A. W. Musgrove.  
Rev. Merrick E. Ketcham.  
Mrs. John F. Wright.  
J. A. Easton.

##### MEMBERS.

All members of the Conference are members of the Historical Society, and are entitled to a voice and vote in all meetings.

Received this year:

One copy of the Report of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1832, from Rev. J. A. Easton.



## PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

## RESOURCES.

Real Estate.....	\$24,692 24	
Bills Receivable.....	24,488 40	
Cash on hand.....	1,170 92	
		<hr/> \$50,351 56

## LIABILITIES.

Capital account.....	\$47,190 00	
Income account.....	1,571 56	
Annuity account.....	1,000 00	
Bequest .....	500 00	
Bills Payable.....	90 00	
		<hr/> 50,351 56

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand September 1, 1903.....	\$914 24	
Rents .....	616 45	
Interest .....	1,105 30	
Donations .....	35 00	
Membership Fees.....	174 90	
Loans paid.....	5,330 50	
Bequest .....	500 00	
		<hr/> 8,676 39

## EXPENDITURES.

Donations .....	\$1,114 00	
Expenses .....	322 88	
Loans on notes.....	5,850 00	
Interest—Annuity gift.....	75 00	
Pension Fund—returned to members.....	140 26	
Interest—temporary loan.....	3 33	
Cash on hand.....	1,170 92	
		<hr/> 8,676 39

## ANALYSIS OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Taxes and repairs.....	\$191 12	
Bond of Treasurer.....	35 00	
Insurance .....	32 80	
Recording mortgage.....	5 50	
Certificate of Secretary of State.....	1 00	
Rent of box in Safe Deposit Co.....	3 00	
Book-keeper .....	10 00	
<i>Committee Work:</i>		
Meetings of Board.....	\$30 44	
Postage .....	1 57	
Expenses of Treasurer.....	12 45	
		<hr/> 44 46
		<hr/> 322 88

Respectfully submitted.

H. C. WEAKLEY, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

MIAMISBURG, OHIO, *September 3, 1904.*

WE have very carefully and faithfully examined all the notes, deeds, and mortgages, together with letters containing inclosures, vouchers, and

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all accounts, and compared the report herewith submitted with the books of the Society, and find each item to agree. Vouchers were submitted for all disbursements made. We find the books very carefully and accurately kept. The cash on hand was found to be deposited in Fifth National Bank, of Cincinnati. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. PUMPHREY,  
J. P. PORTER,  
GEORGE S. EASTON,  
A. T. COWGILL.

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**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.**


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*To the Cincinnati Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Miamisburg, Ohio, August 31, 1904:*

Your Trustees of the John Mears Bequest respectfully report as follows:

Total Investment..... \$8,000 00

**Dr.**

To balance cash on hand, September 1, 1903.....	\$17 49	
To interest on notes and bonds.....	406 56	
Total .....		\$424 05

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By cash to Ohio Wesleyan University.....	\$50 00	
By cash to Illinois Wesleyan University.....	50 00	
By cash to A. D. Maddox for Cincinnati Conference Claimants .....	100 00	
By cash to Mrs. W. H. H. Ewell for Cincinnati Ladies' Home Mission.....	100 00	
By cash to Central Trust & Safe Deposit Co. for box..	5 00	
By cash on hand, August 31, 1904.....	119 05	
		\$424 05

W. F. BOYD, *Treasurer,*  
JOHN PEARSON,  
W. A. ROBINSON,  
*Trustees.*

## VII.

# Historical.

## CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ Richard Whatcoat, .	
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O., . . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O., . . . .	{ Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O., . . . .	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O., . . . .	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1, .	Steubenville, O., . . . .	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O., . . . .	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O., . . . . .	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky., . . . .	{ W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O., . . . . .	{ W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O., . . . .	{ W. McKendree, . .	John Tevis.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	{ W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ Enoch George, . .	
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O., . . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O., . . . . .	{ W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O., . . . . .	{ Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., . . . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O., . . . . .	{ W. McKendree, . .	James Collard.
			{ R. R. Roberts, . .	
			{ J. Soule, . . . . .	
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O., . . . . .	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O., . . . . .	E. Hedding, . . . .	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., . . . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., . . . . .	{ R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
			{ W. McKendree, . .	
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O., . . . . .	J. Soule, . . . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O., . . . . .	E. Hedding, . . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O., . . . . .	J. Emory, . . . . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O., . . . . .	J. Soule, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O., . . . .	{ O. J. Andrew, . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule, . . . . .	
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O., . . . .	J. Soule, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O., . . . . .	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O., . . . . .	B. Waugh, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	J. Soule, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O., . . . . .	{ E. Hedding, . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule, . . . . .	

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1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O., . . . . .	R. R. Roberts, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O., . . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O., . . . .	J. Soule, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O., . . . . .	{ B. Waugh, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ J. Soule, . . . . .	
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., . . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O., . . . . .	E. S. James, . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O., . . . . .	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O., . . . . .	{ B. Waugh, . . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ L. L. Hamline, . . .	
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O., . . . .	{ E. S. James, . . . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris, . . . .	
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O., . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	J. M. Trimble.

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1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O., . . . . .	E. S. James, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O., . . . . .	E. S. James, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	L. Scott, . . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O., . . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . .	Ripley, O., . . . . .	E. R. Ames, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, .	Piqua, O., . . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, .	Lebanon, O., . . . . .	E. S. James, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, .	Dayton, O., . . . . .	E. R. Ames, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, .	Oxford, O., . . . . .	M. Simpson, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, .	Springfield, O., . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	E. R. Ames, . . . .	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, .	Xenia, O., . . . . .	O. C. Baker, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, .	Greenfield, O., . . . . .	M. Simpson, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . .	Troy, O., . . . . .	D. W. Clark, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . .	Ripley, O., . . . . .	E. Thomson, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . .	Urbana, O., . . . . .	T. A. Morris, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . .	Hamilton, O., . . . . .	D. W. Clark, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . .	Hillsboro, O., . . . . .	E. R. Ames, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . .	Piqua, O., . . . . .	E. S. James, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . .	Dayton, O., . . . . .	L. Scott, . . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . .	Eaton, O., . . . . .	I. W. Wiley, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . .	Springfield, O., . . . .	E. R. Ames, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . .	Wilmington, O., . . . .	R. S. Foster, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, .	Cincinnati, O., . . . . .	E. G. Andrews, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . .	Oxford, O., . . . . .	S. M. Merrill, . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, .	Xenia, O., . . . . .	G. Haven, . . . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, .	Piqua, O., . . . . .	W. L. Harris, . . . .	David Judson Starr.
1879.	September 3, .	Urbana, O., . . . . .	M. Simpson, . . . .	David Judson Starr.
1880.	September 1, .	Middletown, O., . . . .	Jesse T. Peck, . . . .	David Judson Starr.
1881.	September 7, .	Springfield, O., . . . .	Isaac W. Wiley, . . .	David Judson Starr.
1882.	September 6, .	Dayton, O., . . . . .	T. Bowman, . . . . .	David Judson Starr.
1883.	September 5, .	Hamilton, O., . . . . .	R. S. Foster, . . . .	David Judson Starr.
1884.	September 3, .	Hillsboro, O., . . . . .	S. M. Merrill, . . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris, . . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., . . . . .	J. M. Walden, . . . .	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, .	Jamestown, O., . . . . .	H. W. Warren, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, .	Xenia, O., . . . . .	S. M. Merrill, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . .	Greenville, O., . . . . .	I. W. Joyce, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, .	Urbana, O., . . . . .	R. S. Foster, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . .	Middletown, O., . . . .	W. X. Niide, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . .	Troy, O., . . . . .	J. F. Hurst, . . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5, .	Wilmington, O., . . . .	D. A. Goodsell, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1895.	August 28, . .	Hamilton, O., . . . . .	C. D. Foss, . . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1896.	September 2, .	Piqua, O., . . . . .	S. M. Merrill, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1897.	September 1, .	Springfield, O., . . . .	W. F. Mallalieu, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1898.	August 31, . .	Xenia, O., . . . . .	John H. Vincent, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1899.	August 30, . .	St. Paul, Dayton, O., . .	E. G. Andrews, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1900.	August 29, . .	Hillsboro, O., . . . . .	H. W. Warren, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1901.	September 5, .	Grace, Dayton, O., . . . .	Jas. N. FitzGerald, . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1902.	September 3, .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	J. M. Walden, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1903.	September 2, .	Wesley, Cin'ti, O., . . .	C. H. Fowler, . . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1904.	August 31, . .	Miamisburg, O., . . . .	J. W. Bashford, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.

# In Memoriam.

"Call the laborers and give them their hire."—MATT. XX, 8.

## DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Sept. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1781	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 5, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert K. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	Jan. 7, 1780	New Eng..	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer James....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1832	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg..	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1853	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia ..	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan ..	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.
John P. Newman.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1886	Died in Saratoga, N. Y., July 6, 1899.
William Xavier Ninde....	June 21, 1832	Black R'er	1856	1884	Died in Detroit, Mich., Jan. 3, 1901.
*Edwin W. Parker.....	Jan. 21, 1833	Vermont...	1857	1900	Died in Naini Tal, India, June 4, 1901.
*Wm. Taylor.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore	1843	1884	Died in California, May 19, 1902.
Randolph S. Foster.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio.....	1837	1872	Died in Newton Ctr, Mass., May 1, '03.
John Fletcher Hurst....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Died in Washington, D. C., May 4, '03.

\* Missionary Bishops.

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OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt, . . . . .	May 16, 1786, . . . . .	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . .	...
William Young, . . . . .	May 16, 1786, . . . . .	July 8, 1812, Ohio, . . . . .	26
Ralph Lotspeich, . . . . .	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia, . . .	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio, . . . . .	32
Walter Griffith, . . . . .	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland, . . .	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O., . . .	40
Samuel Baker, . . . . .	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland, . . .	Sept. 26, 1823, Middletown, O.,	30
Alexander Cummins, . . . . .	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia, . . .	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker, . . . . .	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland, . . .	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker, . . . . .	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia, . . .	April 5, 1849, . . . . .	52
John Sale, . . . . .	April 4, 1769, Virginia, . . .	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O., . . .	58
Michael Ellis, . . . . .	May 5, 1758, . . . . .	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O., . .	72
John Ulin, . . . . .	1792, Virginia, . . . . .	July 13, 1833, N. Richmond, O	41
James F. Callaghan, . . . . .	. . . . .	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . .	...
Thomas F. Sargent, . . . . .	April 10, 1776, Maryland, . . .	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O., .	57
William Page, . . . . .	Sept. 1772, New Jersey, . . .	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio, . . . . .	62
Philip Gatch, . . . . .	March 21, 1751, Maryland, . . .	Dec. 28, 1835, Ohio, . . . . .	83
Russel Bigelow, . . . . .	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O., . . .	43
William Phillips, . . . . .	May 7, 1797, Kentucky, . . . .	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O., . .	39
Erastus Felton, . . . . .	Jan. 28, 1798, New York, . . .	June 25, 1837, Ohio, . . . . .	39
John A. Waterman, . . . . .	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O., . . .	47
James W. Finley, . . . . .	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio, . . . . .	June 11, 1838, Kentucky, . . .	38
William D. Barrett, . . . . .	July 19, 1797, Virginia, . . . .	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio, . . . . .	42
Dudley Woodbridge, . . . . .	1814, Ohio, . . . . .	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O., . . .	25
Frederick B. Butler, . . . . .	July 22, 1803, Virginia, . . . .	March 5, 1839, Ohio, . . . . .	36
Moses Crume, . . . . .	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia, . . . .	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O., . . .	73
George Fate, . . . . .	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio . . . . .	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O., . . .	20

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Charles R. Baldwin, .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill, . . . .	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio, . . . . .	24
Robert W. Finley, . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio, . . . . .	90
William B. Christie, .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio, . . . . .	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter, . . .	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O., .	44
Alfred Hance, . . . .	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio, . . . . .	33
John W. Kanaga, . . .	Feb., 1819, . . . . .	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio, . . . . .	25
Greenbury R. Jones, .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia, . . . .	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins, . . . . .	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree, . . . . .	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio, . . . . .	36
Benjamin Cooper, . . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana, . . . .	44
Jacob Delay, . . . . .	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O., .	65
William Parrish, . . .	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn, . . . . .	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio, . . . . .	72
Alexander Morrow, .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio, . . . . .	39
Benjamin Lakin, . . .	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland, . . . .	Feb., 1849, Ohio, . . . . .	82
Nathan Emery, . . . .	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine, . . . . .	May 27, 1849, Ohio, . . . . .	69
Martin Wolf, . . . . .	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, .	July 10, 1849, Ohio, . . . . .	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio, . . . . .	29
Asa B. Stroud, . . . .	April 11, 1807, Ohio, . . . . .	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio, . . . . .	42
Chas. B. Warrington, .	March 13, 1814, England, . . . .	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio, . . . . .	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio, . . . . .	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio, . . . . .	33
Joseph T. Lewis, . . .	April 18, 1824, Ohio, . . . . .	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams, . . . .	April 13, 1814, Ohio, . . . . .	1850, Ohio, . . . . .	36
James A. Taylor, . . .	1823, Ohio, . . . . .	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio, . . . . .	28
Samuel Maddux, . . .	May 2, 1818, Ohio, . . . . .	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . .	April 3, 1806, Maine, . . . . .	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

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Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.	Time of Death.	Age.	Years of Ministry.
Wm. H. Raper, . . . .	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens, . .	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr	A. P. Dunlap, . . .	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . .	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain, . . .	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, .	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe, . . .	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch, . . .	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell, . . .	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin, . . .	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt, . .	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation, . . . .	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears, . . . .	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith, . . . . .	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker, . . .	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe, . . . . .	1832	..... 1864	63	31
B. Brown Miller, . . .	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp, . . .	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley, . . .	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West, . .	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr, . . .	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins, . . . .	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb, .	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
Samuel Neer, . . . . .	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White, . . . .	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin, . . .	1826	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay, . . . . .	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany, . . . .	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed, . . . .	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley, . .	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson, . . .	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch, .	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow, . . .	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown, . . . .	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith, . . .	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin, . . .	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber, . .	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove, . .	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter, . . .	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain, .	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk, . . . . .	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall, . . . .	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dau'l D. Davisson .	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble, . .	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall, . . . .	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shinn, . . . .	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker, . .	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff, . . . .	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker, . . . .	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys, . . . . .	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis, . . . .	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller, . . .	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser, . . .	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector, . . .	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe, . . . .	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner, .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson, . . .	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh, . .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell, . .	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher, . .	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris, . .	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry, . . . .	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26



Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....
James Armstrong, . .	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	G. W. Kelley, . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	W. E. Hines, . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	W. N. Williams, . .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	J. P. Bishop, . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
M. G. Purkiser, . .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	A. U. Beall, . .	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
E. House, . .	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	T. S. Cowden, . .	1848	Jan. 17, 1895	68	47
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	Henry Stokes, . .	1852	Jan. 23, 1895	67	43
P. A. Ogden, . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	Benj. Glascock, . .	1849	May 30, 1895	72	46
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	W. B. Jackson, . .	1847	May 16, 1895	86	48
T. A. G. Phillips, . .	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	W. R. Webster, . .	1842	Sep. 25, 1895	81	53
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	I. C. Page, . .	1888	Jan. 5, 1896	32	7
Wm. I. Ellsworth, . .	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	Jas. Murray, . .	1865	Mar. 6, 1896	58	30
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	Mighill Dustin, . .	1836	Mar. 10, 1896	86	60
Alex. Meharry, . .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	Simon McChesney	1858	June 20, 1896	57	38
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	W. L. Hypes, . .	1849	July 26, 1896	68	46
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	E. C. Smith, . .	1870	Aug. 22, 1896	71	26
J. McD. Mathews, . .	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Henry Miller, . .	1870	Oct. 25, 1896	50	26
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	W. J. Quarry, . .	1846	Feb. 9, 1897	80	51
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	Wm. Herr, . .	1830	Mar. 28, 1897	91	67
John Barton, . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	J. L. Grover, . .	1837	May 5, 1897	91	60
Herman Lüders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	L. D. McCabe, . .	1843	June 18, 1897	80	54
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	Geo. T. Perry, . .	1890	Jan. 20, 1898	32	8
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Silas Bennett, . .	1850	Mar. 10, 1898	72	36
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	N. W. Darlington, . .	1858	Mar. 18, 1898	72	27
John W. Weakley, . .	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	Timothy Wones, . .	1848	July 28, 1898	82	8
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	Asbury Lowrey, . .	1840	Aug. 5, 1898	82	48
Jas. F. McClelland, . .	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19	Jas. Stephenson, . .	1866	Sept. 4, 1898	64	37
Willis M. Boyer, . .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11	F. W. Hypes, . .	1857	Nov. 25, 1898	67	41
Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	Patrick Carland, . .	1855	Nov. 25, 1898	70	43
David Kemper, . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	M. Kauffman, . .	1847	Dec. 3, 1898	86	51
Charles Ferguson, . .	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	Wm. Q. Shannon, . .	1851	Dec. 16, 1898	74	47
Milton G. Baker, . .	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	John W. Cassatt, . .	1850	Feb. 4, 1899	71	49
James F. Chalfant, . .	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41	Chas. H. Payne, . .	1857	May 5, 1899	68	42
Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33	Wm. B. Moler, . .	1856	May 31, 1899	66	42
Andrew Murphy, . .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	48	12	Sam'l D. Clayton, . .	1847	June 6, 1899	76	52
John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12	A. M. Griffith, . .	1863	Sep. 19, 1899	68	36
Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55	Richard A. Arthur	1840	Nov. 11, 1899	...	59
John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33	James P. Whitney	1870	Dec. 15, 1899	59	29
Dennis Callahan, . .	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38	William I. Fee, . .	1858	Feb. 13, 1900	83	42
J. W. Stone, . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49	James P. Shultz, . .	1857	Mar. 29, 1900	66	43
Granville Moody, . .	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52	David C. Vance, . .	1864	May 30, 1900	60	36
David Whitmer, . .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41	J. H. Middleton, . .	1856	Nov. 14, 1900	71	44
Richard Brandriff, . .	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64	John F. Marlay, . .	1850	Dec. 15, 1900	74	52
Wm. Young, . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55	T. H. Pearne, . .	1839	June 1, 1901	81	62
I. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37	Thomas Collett, . .	1850	July 18, 1901	76	52
S. F. Conrey, . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51	Adam Miller, . .	1831	July 29, 1901	91	70
M. P. Gaddis, . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50	Joseph I. Taggart, . .	1875	Nov. 9, 1901	68	26
Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51	M. A. Richards, . .	1864	May 11, 1902	61	38
Allen W. Tibbits, . .	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43	C. W. Gullette, . .	1877	June 14, 1902	49	25
Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35	George B. Shanor, . .	1894	Aug. 9, 1902	38	8
Ephraim M. Cole, . .	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39	Adam Bowers, . .	1865	Oct. 12, 1902	61	37
William Mahon, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21	Wm. Runyan, . .	1863	Nov. 9, 1902	68	39
Jer'h H. Bayliss, . .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30	John F. Loyd, . .	1849	Mch. 12, 1903	78	54
Geo. H. Kennedy, . .	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36	J. L. Gregg, . .	1858	Nov. 17, 1903	77	45
Sam'l A. Brewster, . .	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36	Wm. T. McMullen, . .	1865	Apr. 20, 1904	83	39
Thomas Lee, . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40	L. E. Prentiss, . .	1875	Apr. 20, 1904	29	55
J. W. Keely, . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48	R. K. Deem, . .	1865	Aug. 13, 1904	39	69
J. F. Conrey, . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52	J. W. Mason, . .	1858	Aug. 31, 1904	46	68
L. F. Van Cleve, . .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44					

# Memorial Sermon.

## THE ITINERARY ENDED.

BY REV. R. E. SMITH.

"I will appoint," etc.—2 Sam. vii, 10.

God's ancient covenant people were notably migratory in their habits. Abraham, the "father of the faithful," was required to leave his ancestral city and country for a place thereafter to be shown him. Reaching Canaan, a definite expectation was awakened by the word of Jehovah (Gen. xii, 7): "Unto thy *seed* will I give this land." But, in the language of Stephen (Acts vii, 5): "He gave *him* none inheritance in it." On the contrary, "he sojourned in the land of promise as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the promise." (Heb. xi, 9.) Anon we find Israel in Egypt, and hear their agonizing cry to God for deliverance when a King had risen "who knew not Joseph," and was strangely forgetful of the services he had rendered. The prayer was not in vain, for presently Moses appeared, and expectant faces were turned toward a land "flowing with milk and honey." Affrighted, however, by the majority report of the spies, they rebelled against Moses and against God, and were turned back from Kadesh Barnea, to wander long in "the wilderness." But these bitter experiences had an end by the final passage of the Jordan, and the fruition of long-cherished hopes.

The old Tabernacle, first erected at the base of Sinai, and carried about from place to place, found rest at Shiloh, and there the ancient rites of the Hebrews were measurably established. Despoiled of its chief attraction—the Ark of the Covenant, or visible symbol of the Divine presence—these rites degenerated into an empty form. Then a new Tabernacle was prepared at Jerusalem, and the Ark (brought up from the house of Obededom) was accorded a special sanctuary. In the meantime the theocracy had given way to a kingdom, and the king, honored and beloved, dwelt in a palace of cedar. After much of turbulence and conflict, rest had come to David in the affairs of the kingdom, to the throne of which he had been providentially elevated, and his pious heart now reproached him for seeming neglect of the King of kings. His dwelling-place is still a tent. He will build for him a house. This resolution met with approval, though the honor of achievement was reserved for another. David's pious purpose, however, formed the basis of a most assuring message, containing, among other things, the comforting promise of the text, "I will appoint," etc.

Coming now to the practical study of these words, in the impressive moments of this memorial service, we recognize—

1. The fact that the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church is *itinerant*, both in profession and practice.

This is, indeed, a distinctive feature of our ecclesiastical system. Most of our sister Churches *call* their pastors, and when one is thus *settled* over the affairs of a congregation, his relations are not easily disturbed. But with us the pastoral relation is one of *appointment*, annually reviewed, and subject to change on the occasion of such review. So inwrought into

our system is this itinerancy that even the General Conference, with all its breadth of power, can not disturb its essential features. (See Third Restrictive Rule.)

This power of appointment is vested in an office, whose occupants—called Bishops, or General Superintendents—are authorized to lay large emphasis upon the rule which specifies: "Above all, if you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for His glory." It will appear from this that the Methodist preacher surrenders, in a large degree, his own judgment and preference, and takes his orders from the appointing power of the Church. A fact which goes a long way toward the removal of class distinctions from our ministry, and causes the term *brother* to be "writ large" both in our intercourse and vocabulary.

This itinerant life is necessarily one of change—of frequent removal from place to place—with attendant circumstances of discomfort and inconvenience. About the only thing in a Methodist preacher's life that bears any close resemblance to idea of *home* is his Conference, and its annual sessions form a series of reunions with other members of that immediate itinerant family. In more than the ordinary sense the members of this brotherhood may adopt the language of the old patriarchs (Heb. xi, 13), and say: "We are strangers and pilgrims on the earth," and are seeking "a country of *our own*."

Now, if the Methodist preacher were a celibate—alone in this itinerant life—the change of location would be much simplified. An illustration in point is the removal of Abraham Lincoln into Springfield, Illinois, to begin the practice of law. Informed by Joshua Speed that he might share his room over the store, he took his saddlebags on his arm, went up stairs, set them down on the floor, and, returning, said: "Well, Speed, I'm moved." But as a rule (to which there may be exceptions), our task is one of greater magnitude. The Church of our choice permits us to believe with Solomon (Prov. xviii, 22) that "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord;" and so a parsonage, rather than a room or a boarding-house, becomes a necessity. Then, if all the Churches were considerate enough not only to provide a well-ordered house for the pastor and his family, but to supply it with standard articles of furniture, such as stoves, carpets, tables, bedsteads, dressers, etc., the burdens of the itinerancy might be greatly diminished. But this degree of thoughtfulness is the exception rather than the rule, and consequently the itinerant must provide himself with these, as well as books and other personal effects, and transport them, with large labor and loss, to the various parts of the field to which he may be assigned from time to time.

Such a task is not one to be coveted; and, besides this, the discomforts incident to living in a packed-up condition for several days or weeks at a time, and at frequent intervals, is no inferior matter. Yet all this may be endured with comparative patience, and recovery from its weariness be speedy and complete in the early and hopeful years of one's career—when the limbs are strong and the muscles flexible—when the helpful hands of grown-up children are joined with those of the parents in the performance of these needful tasks, and especially when the move is upward, toward heights a sanctified ambition may hope to scale. But the task becomes more arduous when the children are scattered and gone—when the back is stiff and the limbs are full of aches and pains. Then, too, if ambition has not reached its goal it has reached its summit, and the tendency is toward the less inviting or more rugged parts of the field.

But as yet I have not mentioned the severest trials of the itinerancy—the rooting up of tender ties, and the *transplanting* into other scenes and surroundings. The young tree or plant may be removed with impunity. Its vigorous roots lay hold quickly upon the surrounding soil, and the

growth is but slightly, if at all, interrupted. It is different in age. Difficulties increase, and the probabilities of success diminish. Especially is this the case if changes are frequent. The rooting in the new soil will be slower, and finally impossible. The analogy seems to me to be very close. The itinerancy leaves but few strong and abiding local attachments. At first the heart-strings, lacerated and bleeding by being rudely torn from objects about which they had entwined themselves, are responsive to the healing touch of the welcoming, and new fellowships are formed with avidity; but gradually (it may be *imperceptibly*) these sensibilities abate. The recovery is both slower and less complete. Duties may be performed with the utmost faithfulness; but it will be a miracle of grace if they do not become increasingly perfunctory and professional, while the responses of the heart grow more sluggish and difficult.

As yet I have spoken only of the *man* and *minister*, honored with a high and holy calling, but whose duties require something of human sacrifice and discomfort. Four of these from the list of our Conference membership, and a fifth who was reared within our bounds, and whose brief ministry was chiefly performed as a member of the Cincinnati Conference, have been named in this service—J. L. Gregg, W. T. McMullen, L. E. Prentiss, R. K. Deem, and H. C. Hutchinson. (Here Dr. Smith made touching reference to his personal relations with those who had died, and subsequently to Rev. J. W. Mason, whose death occurred during the memorial service.) But another class is also recognized, the helpmeet of the pastor and his efficient coadjutor and companion—the preacher's wife.

The burdens of the itinerancy fall with especial weight upon the one who presides over the parsonage. Her eye and hand must find a place of safety for each article of household comfort or adornment, as one habitation is dismantled, and select its trial position in the new surroundings. She follows with her womanly solicitude each piece of furniture in its perilous journey, meets it with anxiety at its destination, notes with sinking heart the injuries sustained, and with glue-pot and varnish-brush seeks to hide their deformity. She must be quickly ready for callers, which often means a secret tour of inspection and criticism, and this under the most unfavorable circumstances. She has just spoken the sad good-bye to friends tried and true, and broken again the silken threads that bound her to an itinerant habitation. If her eyes are not red with weeping, it is chiefly because of a determined will; and it is not strange if the often lacerated heart-strings are a little slow in recovering from the rude shock.

Surely, my brethren, we pronounce tenderly to-day the names of Sister Lee, Sister Fidler, Sister Sentman, and Sister Robinson, claimed by the silent reaper during the year just closed, and account them (as we account others of their class) to have served their generation well, and to have entered into an appreciated rest.

2. A second fact which our text renders conspicuous, is that this changeful, cross-bearing, eventful career is to have an end, and at its end there is the promised fruition of our most exalted hopes, for the Lord, into whose service we have been called, has appointed a place for His modern Israel, and "will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more."

(1) This happy assurance does not imply that we shall all reach the restful shades of the Episcopal office—a goal which, once secured, is abiding, for they "go in to go out no more." We shall not controvert Paul's statement (1 Tim. iii, 1), "If a man desireth the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work;" and it must be very comfortable to attain to an office of life tenure, with assured emoluments, whether able to perform its duties or not; but this is only for the "elect," and does not apply to those who fail of "this grace," and stand in the undistinguished ranks of the itinerancy.

(2) Nor is this goal secured by the removal of the time-limit. It is.

true, we do not move by the clock or the almanac as formerly, but we move nevertheless. Under the limit, whether of two, three, or five years, both pastor and people were alike concerned to *fill the allotted time*, to the exclusion, or at least the minimizing, of personalities or undue restlessness.

Without a limit a few may be able to build about themselves impregnable walls, and make a record that is new to Methodism; but it must also be admitted that the average pastor feels less secure than before, while a premium is placed upon discontent, and efforts are rather encouraged than otherwise (within the individual Church) to make it unpleasant for the pastor, or to prevent any deep rooting following a prejudiced appointment. And so it comes to pass that, for the present at least, we face even greater difficulties than under a law of limitation, and are constrained to say, "Here have we no continuing city." (Heb. xiii, 14.)

(3) Neither is the fulfillment of this promise found in superannuation. The superannuate drops out of his old-time relation to the moving van, but there the analogy ends. Having devoted the strength of his years to the work of the Church, he rarely has any "place of his own" to which he may now retire, and where he may hope to pass the evening of life in the restfulness and comfort to which his earlier toils and sacrifices would seem to entitle him. Often the darkest hour in the life of an itinerant is when the Conference closes without his name being included in the list of appointments, and he awakes to the consciousness that none, save perchance the now aged sharer of his changeful career—his wife—listens for his returning footsteps, or anticipates his coming. The final move, before he joins the "silent majority," so far as physical and mental comforts are concerned, might almost as well have been "over the hills to the poorhouse." He is made to feel in a thousand nameless ways that he is eating the bread of charity, and not unfrequently, in his reflective moments, he experiences a sense of regret that he was not permitted to "rest his head upon the lap of earth," and cease to be a necessary consumer of material things before the helplessness of age had so far extinguished the fires of his youth. This last experience is but the climax of days and weeks of anxiety and perplexity. We have seen the stately vessel leave its moorings, and pass majestically along its appointed course. But anon the waters grew shallow, and its movements were with caution and uncertainty. It seemed now to ask not "Where *shall* I go?" but "Where *can* I?" Presently the rocky reef or treacherous sandbar effectually blocks its way, and renders further progress impossible. A few efforts, growing more and more feeble, are made to escape the dilemma, but they are without avail, and what was once the pride of river, lake, or ocean is dismantled, or left to an unenviable fate. So it is with the itinerant. He starts upon his voyage with much of hopefulness. The ocean of opportunity seems broad and deep. He plans for himself a great career of usefulness and honor; but soon the roar of breakers is heard, or his keel grates upon the sands of approaching disaster. He flatters himself that he is shrewd enough and strong enough to avoid such perils, and trims his sails accordingly; but his hopes are delusive—his efforts vain, for sooner than he thinks his barque is broken upon the reef or hopelessly grounded upon the sand, and he awakes to find himself a superannuate, with little more on the earthly side to encourage confidence or inspire hope. Unfamiliar with the intricacies of business, and with hands unskilled in the use of industrial implements, he is unable to earn his own living, and so accepts, with the best possible grace, the pittance that may keep body and soul together, and schools himself to the task of contentment with meager comforts, and waits as patiently as he can his release from his pilgrim's lot, and sits calmly by while the busy procession hurries on.

(4) But, in spite of disappointment and failure in these particulars, it remains a fact, attested by the divine veracity, that God "will appoint

a place" for these, "that they also may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more."

Since we do not find this promise fulfilled on the mortal, we must look for it on the immortal shore. It may sometimes seem like an unequal cross has been laid upon some who, for conscience' sake, are required to go through life's fields of golden opportunity without the privilege of gathering the grain that seems ready to fall into their arms, and a melancholy strain attaches to that word of our founder, John Wesley:

"No foot of land do I possess,  
Nor cottage in this wilderness,  
A poor, wayfaring man."

But while busy "gathering fruit unto life eternal," we may occasionally glance upward toward the city of "many mansions" and golden streets and harps and crowns and robes, and find joyous expression in another verse from the same composition:

"There is my house and portion fair,  
My treasure and my heart are there,  
And my abiding home;  
For me my elder brethren stay,  
And angels beckon me away,  
And Jesus bids me come."—Hymnal, No. 1078.

Brother Gregg, in the years of his active ministry, was especially interested in the songs of the sanctuary, a teacher of sacred music—as doubtless others were to whose memory we pay tribute in this service, for our faith of assurance seems to inspire the heart with the sentiments of consecrated song—and I have tried to fancy the ecstasy of his soul as he took up the golden harp, and joined in the song of the hundred and forty-four thousand, who sing, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." (Rev. i, 5.)

I have read a great many descriptions of heaven. It is likened unto a *building*, "a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens;" a *temple* bright with the Divine glory; a *palace* where dwells the King in His beauty; a *city* whose inhabitants are never sick; an *inheritance* "incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." But no single description has so thrilled my soul as that of St. John, in Revelation xxi and xxii. Let me read a few verses (Rev. xxi, 3 7, 10, 11, 23-27; xxii, 1, 2, 14):

"There we shall see His face,  
And never, never sin.  
There from the rivers of His grace  
Drink endless pleasures in.

Yea, and before we rise  
To that immortal state,  
The thought of such amazing bliss  
Should constant joys create.

Then let our songs abound,  
And let every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
To fairer worlds on high."

—I. Watts—No. 41, Hymnal.



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REV. L. E. PRENTISS.

THE REV. LYMAN E. PRENTISS, D. D., financial agent of Grant University, died at the home of the Rev. J. T. Jones, Johnson City, Tenn., April 20th, where he had gone to assist the pastor in revival meetings. He arrived Thursday evening and preached a most excellent sermon on "The Witness of the Spirit," choosing as a text Romans viii, 16, "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God." It was the most forceful and convincing sermon that the writer ever heard him preach. At the close of the discourse six persons arose for prayers, which was the beginning of a most successful revival, which is now being conducted by the pastor. This was the last sermon preached by him, and was certainly a most appropriate closing of a long and useful ministerial career. He was taken violently ill Friday morning, April 15th, with congestion of the liver, and suffered excruciating pains for several hours. When his pains were alleviated he was very much exhausted, and continued to grow weaker and weaker until the end came.

Dr. Prentiss was born in Leipsic, Ohio, October 30, 1849. He was married to Miss Nannie Bernard, September 6, 1870, in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Rev. Dr. French. To them were born five children, four of whom survive, with the wife and mother to mourn their loss.

Dr. Prentiss was converted at Leipsic, Ohio, at the age of fourteen years, under the ministry of the Rev. L. A. Belt, D. D. He was licensed to preach at Oxford, Ohio, by the Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D., September, 1872, and began work immediately at the High Street Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio. He was admitted to the Central Ohio Conference, September, 1873, and was appointed to Pioneer Circuit, where he remained two years. He subsequently served the following charges in the order named: Liberty Center, three years; Fayette, two years; Celina, three years; Bowling Green, one year; Fremont, three years; Findlay, one and one-half years; and then was transferred to the Holston Conference, and stationed at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Knoxville, Tenn., where he remained two years and nine months. He was then appointed to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, and served a pastorate of two years. At the close of his pastoral term at Chattanooga, he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, to which he belonged at the time of his death, and was stationed at Raper Church, Dayton, Ohio, where he served as pastor for five years; then Eaton, three years, and finished his pastoral work at Oxford, where he was licensed to preach. He remained at the last-named place only six months, when he was called to the financial agency of the Grant University, which position he held at the time of his death. When soliciting funds for the institution he frequently assisted pastors in revival services, in which work he was eminently successful.

Dr. Prentiss was a man of superior worth; just, honest, upright, and sincere. He was an excellent preacher, intensely spiritual, and purely evangelical. His entire ministerial life was very fruitful in the salvation of souls.

He left no dying testimony save that of a life hid with Christ in God.

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His father was for years one of the devoted, godly ministers of the Cincinnati Conference. Born and brought up in a Christian home and surrounded by the most spiritual influences of the Church, Reuben Deem very early in life learned to know Jesus as his Savior. He was converted at a camp-meeting, near Sugar Valley, at the age of eleven or twelve years. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of Rev. Levi White. He obtained his education in the public schools of the charges where his father preached, at the Linden Hill Academy, at New Carlisle, Ohio, of which Dr. Thomas Harrison, a wise and successful teacher, was



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He was a leader in the recent temperance movement that resulted in voting Sabina a dry town, and his last address on Sabbath night, in the City Hall, was an appeal for a rigid enforcement of the law. On Thursday and Friday following he with his family visited among his former parishioners at New Burlington. He was happy, and remarked that he never felt better in his life.

He and his wife drove home on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, August 13, 1904, at six o'clock, he rose and began dressing, when his wife noticed that he had fallen over on his face. She called her son, and they raised him up, but he was not, for he had ascended "to be with Christ, which is far better." His dear wife, with two daughters—Mary and Anna—and two sons—Alfred and Frank—survive to mourn, but comforted with "a good hope through grace" of a reunion in the "sweet by and by." Funeral services were held in the Sabina church on Monday at 1.30 P. M., in charge of Presiding Elder V. F. Brown, and attended by quite a number of his ministerial brethren and a large concourse of people. The body was then taken to Eaton, Ohio, where services were again held in the church, on Tuesday at ten A. M., in charge of J. S. Pumphrey, assisted by Revs. Ketcham, Wiant, Sellers, Timmons, Reynolds, and H. A. Smith. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Eaton, where rest those of Brooks, Finley, Meharry, Swain, Weakley, and J. C. Deem waiting for the resurrection of the just.

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### REV. JOHN WATSON MASON.

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JOHN WATSON MASON was the son of John Mason and his wife, Jane Houston, a relative of General Sam Houston, of Texas. The child was born on May 5, 1836, near Richmond, Va. The father died two years later, and the widow moved into Richmond with her two children, Estherline and John. Thence they removed to Livingston, Miss., remaining there until the mother's death in 1845, when John was nine years old. His only sister had already died, and his mother's property had been lost through the dishonesty of another. Thus the lad was left alone, bereft of all save the heritage of a good birth, and the lingering influence of a strong and pure Christian mother.

The following years were spent in New Orleans, La., where the orphaned boy seems to have been strangely shielded from the evil influences that too often blight the sweetness of impressionable childhood. His self-reliant spirit developed under the stress of unfriendly circumstances. Though he was without the shelter of a home and the refining touch of a mother's love, he saw the shallowness of the frivolous life around him, and turned from it with disgust. Even as a boy he felt the dignity of his unfolding manhood, and revered it too highly to be induced to sully its purity by reckless living.

At fourteen he came to Cincinnati, and was presently apprenticed to James Dixon, a prominent business man of the city, and an Elder in the

Presbyterian Church. While in Mr. Dixon's employ he showed unusual ability. When but sixteen he was foreman of a squad of men, and at the end of a three years' apprenticeship was offered a partnership in a business wherein Mr. Dixon accumulated a fortune.

But new influences had begun work in the young man's life. He had found a second mother in the person of Mrs. Mary Hinkle Gaither, a noble Presbyterian matron, who welcomed him to her home and her heart. He was thenceforward to her a son, and she was to him a mother. The uplift of her forceful yet tender personality was a benediction upon his life. Another power was also at work. Through acquaintance with Christian young men he was led to attend services in Christie Chapel, Cincinnati, where the voice of the Spirit roused in him a longing for pardon and comfort as it is in Jesus Christ. It was not the torrent of overwhelming emotion, but the deep current of conviction flowing out into a fixed purpose that brought him to the altar and led him to give his hand to the Church. On Sunday night, August 31st, in the early fifties, he joined as a probationer, and Rev. Arza Brown, placing his hand on the lad's head, said, "God bless the white-haired boy."

With the new experience that came to him, the call to the ministry was clear and insistent. With a native bent toward business, and having before him exceptional opportunities, it cost a struggle to say, "Here am I. Send me." Yet this struggle seemed to make only more clear the fact that his future must be given to preaching the gospel. When the battle was over, his surrender was absolute, and John W. Mason was henceforth a true and obedient messenger of the King.

Feeling his need of education, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he had as a room-mate Charles C. McCabe, now Bishop. With heroic devotion the young student sought to husband his meager resources, reducing his expenses to a minimum. But ill-health threatened a complete breakdown, and on the advice of Frederick Merrick, of precious memory, he gave up his college course.

In 1856 he joined the Cincinnati Conference on trial, and remained within its ranks until his death. In all the years of his active service he gave himself to his work with tireless devotion. He was a minister of the old school in at least one particular—he did not seek to make his own appointments, but went whither he was sent, and did his best without complaint and without bitterness. Thus he kept sweet and cheerful until the end. Service was to him a privilege, and the Master's work was full of reward for the workman. No Church that he served was ever left without substantial addition to its worth and influence in the community. The dignity of his Christian character and his genuine manliness commanded universal respect. As a representative of the Church and of the gospel of Christ, John W. Mason stood out unshrinkingly in the bright light of public scrutiny. He was a man of whom naught but good could be said.

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He was a leader in the recent temperance movement that resulted in voting Sabina a dry town, and his last address on Sabbath night, in the City Hall, was an appeal for a rigid enforcement of the law. On Thursday and Friday following he with his family visited among his former parishioners at New Burlington. He was happy, and remarked that he never felt better in his life.

He and his wife drove home on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, August 13, 1904, at six o'clock, he rose and began dressing, when his wife noticed that he had fallen over on his face. She called her son, and they raised him up, but he was not, for he had ascended "to be with Christ, which is far better." His dear wife, with two daughters—Mary and Anna—and two sons—Alfred and Frank—survive to mourn, but comforted with "a good hope through grace" of a reunion in the "sweet by and by." Funeral services were held in the Sabina church on Monday at 1.30 P. M., in charge of Presiding Elder V. F. Brown, and attended by quite a number of his ministerial brethren and a large concourse of people. The body was then taken to Eaton, Ohio, where services were again held in the church, on Tuesday at ten A. M., in charge of J. S. Pumphrey, assisted by Revs. Ketcham, Wiant, Sellers, Timmons, Reynolds, and H. A. Smith. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Eaton, where rest those of Brooks, Finley, Meharry, Swain, Weakley, and J. C. Deem waiting for the resurrection of the just.

J. S. P.

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### REV. JOHN WATSON MASON.

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JOHN WATSON MASON was the son of John Mason and his wife, Jane Houston, a relative of General Sam Houston, of Texas. The child was born on May 5, 1836, near Richmond, Va. The father died two years later, and the widow moved into Richmond with her two children, Estherline and John. Thence they removed to Livingston, Miss., remaining there until the mother's death in 1845, when John was nine years old. His only sister had already died, and his mother's property had been lost through the dishonesty of another. Thus the lad was left alone, bereft of all save the heritage of a good birth, and the lingering influence of a strong and pure Christian mother.

The following years were spent in New Orleans, La., where the orphaned boy seems to have been strangely shielded from the evil influences that too often blight the sweetness of impressionable childhood. His self-reliant spirit developed under the stress of unfriendly circumstances. Though he was without the shelter of a home and the refining touch of a mother's love, he saw the shallowness of the frivolous life around him, and turned from it with disgust. Even as a boy he felt the dignity of his unfolding manhood, and revered it too highly to be induced to sully its purity by reckless living.

At fourteen he came to Cincinnati, and was presently apprenticed to James Dixon, a prominent business man of the city, and an Elder in the



Presbyterian Church. While in Mr. Dixon's employ he showed unusual ability. When but sixteen he was foreman of a squad of men, and at the end of a three years' apprenticeship was offered a partnership in a business wherein Mr. Dixon accumulated a fortune.

But new influences had begun work in the young man's life. He had found a second mother in the person of Mrs. Mary Hinkle Gaither, a noble Presbyterian matron, who welcomed him to her home and her heart. He was thenceforward to her a son, and she was to him a mother. The uplift of her forceful yet tender personality was a benediction upon his life. Another power was also at work. Through acquaintance with Christian young men he was led to attend services in Christie Chapel, Cincinnati, where the voice of the Spirit roused in him a longing for pardon and comfort as it is in Jesus Christ. It was not the torrent of overwhelming emotion, but the deep current of conviction flowing out into a fixed purpose that brought him to the altar and led him to give his hand to the Church. On Sunday night, August 31st, in the early fifties, he joined as a probationer, and Rev. Arza Brown, placing his hand on the lad's head, said, "God bless the white-haired boy."

With the new experience that came to him, the call to the ministry was clear and insistent. With a native bent toward business, and having before him exceptional opportunities, it cost a struggle to say, "Here am I. Send me." Yet this struggle seemed to make only more clear the fact that his future must be given to preaching the gospel. When the battle was over, his surrender was absolute, and John W. Mason was henceforth a true and obedient messenger of the King.

Feeling his need of education, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he had as a room-mate Charles C. McCabe, now Bishop. With heroic devotion the young student sought to husband his meager resources, reducing his expenses to a minimum. But ill-health threatened a complete breakdown, and on the advice of Frederick Merrick, of precious memory, he gave up his college course.

In 1856 he joined the Cincinnati Conference on trial, and remained within its ranks until his death. In all the years of his active service he gave himself to his work with tireless devotion. He was a minister of the old school in at least one particular—he did not seek to make his own appointments, but went whither he was sent, and did his best without complaint and without bitterness. Thus he kept sweet and cheerful until the end. Service was to him a privilege, and the Master's work was full of reward for the workman. No Church that he served was ever left without substantial addition to its worth and influence in the community. The dignity of his Christian character and his genuine manliness commanded universal respect. As a representative of the Church and of the gospel of Christ, John W. Mason stood out unshrinkingly in the bright light of public scrutiny. He was a man of whom naught but good could be said.

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allow. His spirit was one of fine courage, and the pain he endured did not fright him from loving all that life and friends and home bring to men.

The end came on Wednesday, August 31, 1904. It was the fortieth anniversary of his marriage, and the bridegroom went in quietness to join the great supper of the Lamb. Around him were his faithful wife and their children, Mary Gaither Mason, who lives at home; Mrs. Frank W. Roudebush, of Memphis, Tenn.; and Wilbur N. Mason, pastor of Wesley Church, Salem, Mass.

The service on Friday, September 2d, was under the direction of Rev. George H. Dart, a lifelong friend, assisted by members of the Cincinnati Conference. The burial was in the family lot at Xenia, Ohio.

The keynote of John W. Mason's character is sounded in the word *integrity*. He hated sham and scorned every semblance of cant. He was loyal in friendship, reserved in expression, but capable of the sweet emotions of a strong nature. With high ideals of thought and duty, he held himself relentlessly to the best, and sought to bring others up to the same lofty plane. He "allured to brighter worlds, and led the way."

In his home no sacrifice was too great, if it would give help or increased benefit to those whom he loved. He preached with incisive directness the plain truth of the gospel, but always with the high aim of adapting its message to the needs of men in common life. He was decided in his opinions, but not dogmatic. As an administrator he was firm, but not arbitrary. He won the trust of men by frankness and directness in dealing with them. He would not stoop to self-seeking, and was thus free from all sinister motives. He walked no devious way, but followed the straight course of right and truth. He kept in touch with the present, and his preaching was always practical, relating Christian truth to the common experiences of every day. He grew until the last in his insight into the significance of the character and service of Jesus Christ. His firm hold on essentials enabled him to look serenely upon everything that aids in the interpretation of the life of God in the life of men.

"Unpracticed he to fawn, or seek for power  
By doctrines fashioned to the varying hour;  
For other aims his heart had learned to prize,  
More skilled to raise the wretched than to rise.

As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form  
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,  
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

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#### MRS. THOMAS LEE.

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MRS. THOMAS LEE, the widow of the late Rev. Thomas Lee, of the Cincinnati Conference, after years of invalidism, is at rest. Her long life and her patient faith deserve more than ordinary emphasis. Her maiden name was Caroline Maria Langdon, and she was born at Redbank, Hamilton County, Ohio, December 28, 1826, and died at her home in Cincinnati, where she had resided since 1865, February 23, 1904, having but recently completed her seventy-seventh year. She inherited thus the one of the blessings promised in the Word, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation." Her father, Charles Langdon, was an exhorter for sixty years, and was one of the pioneers of Hamilton County. His father, Rev. John W. Langdon, was one of the founders of Methodism in Vermont. Abel Stevens, in his "History of the Methodist Episcopal

Church," tells of mobs who assailed this valiant man in his itinerant work in New England: "The ruffians cowered before the courage of Langdon, who was a gigantic and brave man." That was a hundred years ago. It was no wonder that the spirit and courage of that pioneer time were inherited by those who came afterwards. The home in which the daughter was trained was the Methodist itinerants' stopping-place—a home of hospitality, intelligence, and devotion. The impressions there made took root in her life in early years. She gave her heart to God in childhood, and was one of the first students to attend the Wesleyan Female College when it was organized in 1842. In May, 1853, she was married to Rev. Thomas Lee. As a Methodist pastor's wife she showed herself a woman of tact and devotion. Seven children were born to them; three are now living, and all were allowed to minister to her during the years of her retirement and suffering. For twelve years hers was an itinerant life; she supplemented her husband's labors and aided him by her work in the home to do his tasks outside of that refuge. From 1865 to his death in 1891 he carried on the work of the Union Bethel, in Cincinnati; since the latter date she has lived in quiet invalidism, deprived of the privileges of the sanctuary, but maintaining an intelligent interest in the progress of the kingdom of God, diligently reading the *Western Christian Advocate* and other papers, and manifesting to all by her example and testimony that she had a firm hold on the unseen world. Her dying testimony was fervent and clear, and she died in great peace.

JESSE B. YOUNG.

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### MRS. T. E. FIDLER.

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MRS. MARY RAYNOR FIDLER was born in Piqua, Ohio, April 4, 1833. She went to her reward May 2, 1904, from her late home in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, at the ripe age of seventy-one years. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Raynor. Her parents were English people, having come to this country in early life. Her father and mother were both ministers in England in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and both preached with great acceptability. When her mother preached her first sermon she walked six miles, and preached with such power that six persons were converted. This mother was a true type of that character immortalized by the genius of George Eliot in the heroine of *Adam Bede*. Three of Mrs. Fidler's brothers were ministers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, one of whom, Rev. J. O. Raynor, was the first minister who ever preached the gospel in Alaska, and a very popular preacher in pioneer days on the Pacific Coast. One sister married one of the first missionaries—David A. Dryden, of the Ohio Conference, who was sent to California in 1849. Mrs. Fidler was one of eight children. There were four brothers—John, William, Joseph, and Jabez, and three sisters—Sallie Dryden, Elizabeth Blacklee, and Julia Taylor. She was a woman of studious habits, and after finishing her common school education, went to the Springfield Female College, where she graduated in 1857. She was then elected preceptress of the school, and held that position for two years. On Commencement-day of the second year of her service in the college, in the month of June, 1860, she was married to the Rev. T. E. Fidler, of the Cincinnati Conference, in the presence of the Senior class, in the High Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Ohio. To this union were born three children. A son—Thornton—died at the age of nine months. The eldest child—Will Frank—a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University, died at the age of twenty-five, leaving to them to comfort them in their declining years, Otho, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Fidler was a devout Christian since her

twelfth year, when she was converted. Her life in the Church has been one of constant service. Her experience in Christ was rich; her devotion to the Church complete. As a minister's wife she has been honored and loved, and her service in this capacity has been of a high order of usefulness and blessing. For forty-four years she has walked along life's way with her companion. She was to him, who remains awhile on this side, a joy and a comfort, an inspiration and solace. The associations of earth have been severed, but the ties of love still hold. Though separated from human relations, yet still they are united in the triumphs of the faith of the Son of God.

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**MRS. J. E. H. SENTMAN.**

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SARAH H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Parcello, was born at Green Village, N. J., July 19, 1847, and in the same village, when but nine years of age, God called to her, she heard the call, accepted Christ as her Savior, was born again, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for forty-seven years was a faithful and devoted member of this branch of the Church militant; then God transferred her membership to the rolls of the Church triumphant.

On the ninth day of May, 1878, she became the bride of the Rev. Jacob E. H. Sentman. To them were born five children, all of whom, with the bereft husband and father survive to mourn the going from them of the devoted wife and mother.

For nearly a quarter of a century she walked with her devoted husband, being a true and faithful helper, sharing with him the joys and comforts, as well as the sorrows, trials, and anxieties incident to the itinerancy. She did faithful and efficient work for God. She was especially interested in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, doing splendid work in the various charges which her husband served. She loved her home. To her it was a sacred place. She loved the people of God, and was anxious for the salvation of the unsaved. The Church of Christ was exceedingly dear to her. Most sincerely could she sing:

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode,  
The Church our dear Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end."

Two years ago they were compelled to retire from the ranks of the itinerancy, and located near Williamsburg, Ohio, where they hoped to spend some years pleasantly. They were soon thoroughly identified with the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church there, and Sister Sentman became the devoted, successful, and much-loved teacher of the infant class in the Sunday-school. In December of 1903 her health began rapidly to fail, and she was soon confined to her home. From the first she seemed to realize that she could not recover. Her faith in Christ was firm. She knew that He is true to every promise. To her they were "exceeding great and precious promises." As the earth receded, heaven came nearer. When He called she was ready, and on the morning of May 14, 1904, she "was

not, for God had taken" her. Her life was a life of service for God, and might well be summarized in the following language:

"The consecrated cross I'll bear  
Till death shall set me free;  
And then go home, my crown to wear.  
For there's a crown for me."

The funeral services were held in the Williamsburg Methodist Episcopal Church, the pastor, Rev. J. D. Darling, officiating, assisted by the Revs. Dr. V. F. Brown, L. A. Washburn, W. H. Spybey, and J. W. Martin.  
J. D. DARLING.

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### MRS. J. M. ROBINSON.

MARY MAHALA ROBINSON, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Ketteman, was born in Hardy County, Virginia, December 1, 1828. At about three years of age she came to Ohio with her parents, who settled in Green County, near Xenia. She was converted when fourteen years old, and confirmed as a member of the German Reformed Church. Later she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and on September 20, 1852, she was married to Rev. Jesse M. Robinson, an honored member of the Cincinnati Conference.

During the more than twenty-five years of the active ministerial life of her husband she faithfully and cheerfully performed the duties of a minister's wife. It was a serious matter, indeed, that could keep her away from any Church service. No weather was so disagreeable, no fatigue so great, no cares so numerous, as to keep her from the Sunday-school, the class and prayer meetings, or the preaching service. She filled her place, and filled it well. To Brother and Sister Robinson were given seven children, three daughters and four sons. Two sons died in childhood. The five remaining children have the precious memory of a consecrated father and a loving mother, to whose faithful training of their minds—during the long weeks of the winters when the husband and father was away from home engaged in winning souls for the Christ they both loved—do they owe very much.

During Mrs. Robinson's sickness not a murmur or complaint escaped her lips. In answer to inquiries as to her health or feelings, she was always "better." But at last the busy life came to an end, and after lingering for two weeks Mrs. Robinson peacefully passed to the better world from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hunter, in Mingo, Ohio, August 10, 1904. God had given her a life of seventy-five years, eight months, and ten days. Mrs. Robinson's body was laid to rest by the side of her husband and children in the cemetery at Xenia, Ohio, the burial services being conducted by the Rev. A. C. Turrell.  
D. J. STARR.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR THE AGED, FOR 1904.

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PROVIDENCE has most graciously favored us during this year, so that it is with rejoicing we make report to the constituted authorities of Ohio Methodism, the Church that authorized the establishment of such a Home and after careful consideration approved of the plans submitted for its founding through its highest councils, the five Annual Conferences; also to all friends whom the merits of the cause have enlisted as its supporters.

Shoutings of praise would be perfectly in order in our Methodist camp over all that has been wrought through the blessing of God, to whom be everlasting thanksgiving and glory. Yet we have cause for anxiety—the task is not yet accomplished.

We had hoped to be occupying a part of our new buildings prior to this—that is to say, to have one-third of it completed by this time. However, through the generous co-operation of friends, whose names remain unknown for the present, the north pavilion is to rise simultaneously with the main central structure, so that over two-thirds of this superb series of buildings are in process of erection. It is estimated that it will cost fully \$210,000 to finish these and properly furnish throughout, together with other necessary work to be done outside of the building. The retaining wall, 560 feet in length, constructed to widen the upper plateau of our grounds, where more level space was needed in front of the buildings, needs a stone wall three and one-half feet high thereon, all to be finished with Scotch coping; a suitable entrance to the grounds, flanked by the same kind of a stone wall, 200 feet in each direction; then the necessary grading, roadways, cement walks. If we now add the power-house, it will cost \$220,000. Of this we have \$113,500 in hand, and \$62,000 definitely and reliably pledged, and confidently trust that just what has brought all this co-operation will enlist all needed help to complete, equip, and operate this much needed house of mercy.

One incident illustrates the interest that is being taken in our work. A venerable mother in Israel, over fourscore years of age, living in Northern Ohio, sent to us nearly six hundred dollars which she had earned by selling butter and eggs; a free-will offering unto the Lord for this purpose. Others able to help largely have voluntarily promised us to do so. It is the Lord's work, and we are making an honest, earnest effort to carry it forward in a way that He can continuously and abundantly bless, and we believe He will. Indeed, it is evident to those placed in charge of this Home that it is the purpose of Providence to crown with success our efforts to build, establish, and operate this retreat for homeless aged and infirm people.

The dormitories above the chapel and art hall, located on the first floor, consisting of apartments for sixty-six persons—fifty single rooms and eight double rooms, will be set apart for superannuated clergymen,



their wives or widows. These rooms, we trust, will all be endowed in time. Three thousand dollars will endow one in perpetuity, and the donor can name its occupant.

There has been some delay in the construction, and may be more. We waited, believing that the way would be opened for us to erect at least two-thirds thereof—if not the entire building—this year, which all thought would mean a saving of eight to ten per cent; but, alas! labor conditions are so uncertain that the contractors' bids were alarmingly high. Yet work is proceeding on the foundation of the north building. The walls for this and the main building will be raised simultaneously, and as speedily as is possible and consistent with good workmanship. However, these unfortunate conditions, for which we have no responsibility, may cause serious delay; indeed, are likely to do so.

The Building Committee appreciate that they are building for the centuries, so are arranging for a suitable and up-to-date fire-proof structure, one that will be safe, well adapted for the purpose designed, and worthy of the cause of our great Commonwealth and of the Christian Church. There will be no wood floors or stairways to burn. The roof will be of red tile and iron. In short, every possible effort will be put forth to make it a safe, convenient, sanitary, durable house, as commodious and comfortable as our funds make possible.

The Home will be equipped with elevators, a steam laundry, and other modern conveniences; indeed, everything that will lighten the work of the good deaconesses who will have the charge of the internal affairs of the Home. We will eliminate everything that creates fire risk, and carry our own insurance. It will be heated with steam and lighted with electricity, so no matches or fire will be needed except in the culinary department, wherein reigns a college-bred woman, from a fine family noted for their moral earnestness, caution, good sense, and practical wisdom. There is no place in this or any home where such gifts are needed or mean more. We thank God for such consecrated helpers. This suggests the fact that these love-inspired women, our good superintendent, Miss Myra A. Shepard, and all her efficient assistants, while able for some of life's highest duties, are ready for its humblest ones, simply because these need to be done, and well done. Difficult as the task is, they are contented and happy in their work. All of them have turned away from far larger financial compensations for these "labors of love." Their devotion ought to arouse the Church and all lovers of mankind to thoughtfulness concerning the claims of this Home and such co-operation as would make possible its largest usefulness, with its capacity of 331 beds, which can be doubled by rear extensions, with no change to mar the façade of the building. This will be done as certainly as the Home ever measures up to its opportunity. We expected from the start the favor of God and great things of good men and women, both in and out of the Church, and have not been disappointed; hence our faith, both in God and in men, is stronger than ever, that because it ought to be done it will be done, if not on our present plan, then on a wiser one. For the need exists, and the Christ-Spirit, working in and through men, must minister, and sooner or later Christlike men and

women will see that this kind of work ought to be done. Then this Home will become what Dr. A. H. Norcross predicted, "a monumental charity;" also what Mr. McKinley asserted, "The most beautiful charity of our Church."

The superb site on a high elevation giving extended views seems better adapted to our purposes than ever, as the great foundations—82 x 138 feet—already laid, and the other—105 x 64 feet—being laid, stretch out upon its upper level. This has been widened by a fill behind a massive retaining wall, 560 feet long and twelve to six feet wide at the base, and from five to thirty-eight feet high.

From the upper parts of this building views will be had to every point of the compass as far as one's eye can carry. The building will be seen from every high elevation in Hamilton County.

We are most fortunate in having the very valuable services of Brother Samuel Hannaford, who "is one of us" in this matter. His interest, large experience, great ability as an architect and master builder will save us thousands of dollars in addition to the thousands in gratuitous service the firm of Samuel Hannaford & Sons, of Cincinnati, our architects, generously put into this noble structure. The sons are chips off the old block, and cheerfully join him in making this offering through Methodism to God and humanity.

The Home family are contented in their temporary quarters at Granville, Ohio; indeed, the Church and Pastor Gillilan have been so attentive, considerate, and helpful to the household, that they would be satisfied to remain there permanently.

Two have gone during this year to their eternal estate. Miss Sarah Taylor, at the age of eighty eight, a schoolteacher in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, for many years, of bright intellect and a strong will that brooked little opposition, which she gradually learned to bring into captivity to the will of Christ, for at the end her spirit became as that of a little child.

Miss Annie Clarissa Jefferies, nearly eighty years old, reared in one of the well-to-do families of Massillon, Ohio, into whose life came great reverses, which she bore meekly and without complaint. In her need she gratefully became the guest of her Church, and was highly appreciative during all her stay of this Christian retreat, and often wrote and spoke of the loving care given her in her long severe sickness—she was as helpless as an infant for many months.

At Christmas dinner, among other touching incidents this occurred: A lady of fourscore and four, whose home from childhood had been the retreat of itinerant preachers. The great men of our Zion were her guests in the years gone by, yet now she needs this Home just as much as if she had not brought enough for her care and keep. After the meal was over she arose and expressed her grateful appreciation of this Christian retreat, the loving ministries of the sisters whose devotion make it so, and closed with the statement that it was the happiest Christmas she had enjoyed since her husband died, twenty-four years ago.

A false rumor is abroad as to the amount of work done by inmates. While it is the rule, and ought forever to be, that every member of the

household have and cultivate the spirit of helpfulness, and do what he or she can to help, as a matter of fact, however, only twelve of them are able to do anything. Their ages average over eighty years. Three wipe the breakfast dishes, three at noon, and three at night; seven do their own ironing; only five wash their own things, and only two do so regularly; only seven sweep their own rooms. One helps prepare the vegetables for cooking. This is all the work that is wrought by the inmates. The table and bed linen is done at a laundry away from Home.

We quote the following from the Superintendent's recent report:

"All the religious services of the Church are brought to the Home family, and are marked by a high degree of spirituality. Very touching were the expressions of gratitude, at one of our communion services, from an old lady who came to us last spring. For seven years she had been unable, because of physical disability, to attend a Church service. With tears streaming down her face, she exclaimed over and over, 'Bless the Lord!'

"We are fortunate in having an earnest, consecrated corps of workers. Miss Anna L. Hawes, our nurse-deaconess, with years of experience in private and hospital nursing, is an exceptional woman. No task is too difficult or unpleasant for her. Cheerfully and without murmur she is ready to respond to every call by day or by night. For three and a half years this service has been given to the Home. Miss Jennie Shepard, with thirteen years' experience in institutional life, gives to the culinary department her best skill.

"Miss Ella M. Wright, the daughter and sister of prominent Methodist clergymen, who has been with us two years, is in charge of the office. Efficiency and accuracy in the details of her work constitute her a valuable helper."

As to the admission fee, our fixed policy is that each inmate shall be required to pay for benefits received in full or in part according to his or her ability. All our financial contracts with applicants will be on this basis. We must keep in mind the fact that neither the Church nor the benevolent public have any obligations to do for any applicant what that person can do for himself or herself. Every case will be considered on its own merits in all respects, hence the admission fee varies according to the financial ability of the applicant, or of those who have a natural obligation to aid in his or her support, from \$2,500 down to the minimum of \$300, except in cases where an applicant be named to occupy an endowed room, which is free.

The Epworth Leagues have kept us well supplied with canned fruits and vegetables, for which co-operation we are very grateful. Let all understand, however, that we will need more next year.

Think of it! An average of ten cents apiece per year from Ohio Methodists will enable us to support two hundred worthy, aged, homeless men and women. Is this too great a burden to put on the Church? We answer, No! Let none get the idea that we do not need co-operation. The contrary is true, we greatly need your help. Observe O'd Folks' Day, and take a collection.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. LYON, *Secretary*.

H. C. WEAKLEY, *President*.

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